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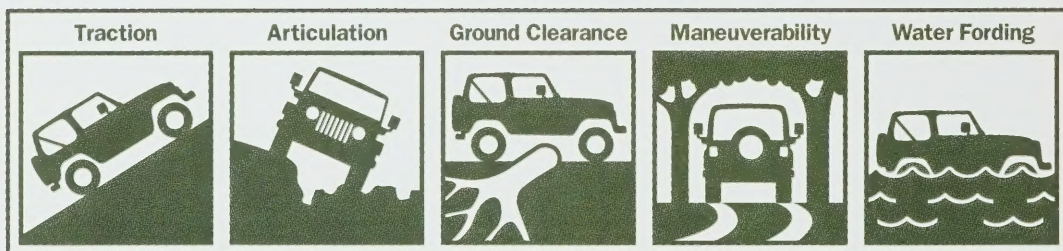
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A Message from the Government of Ontario

Hunting is a popular outdoor activity with a long and proud history in the province. Thousands of Ontario residents and visitors eagerly look forward each year to the opening of the hunting season.

Ontario's hunters make a significant contribution to wildlife management in the province. While licence fees help support a range of programs dedicated to fish and wildlife, many volunteer hours, as well as considerable energy and significant resources, are donated each year to help enhance wildlife habitat.



The Ontario government appreciates your interest in wildlife management and is working to provide additional chances to hunt, while ensuring sustainable wildlife populations.

White-tailed deer populations have flourished in Ontario, which has allowed for even more hunting opportunities. In northwestern Ontario, hunters have enjoyed new deer seasons in the Red Lake, Dryden, Thunder Bay and Nipigon areas. Last year, more than 18,000 additional

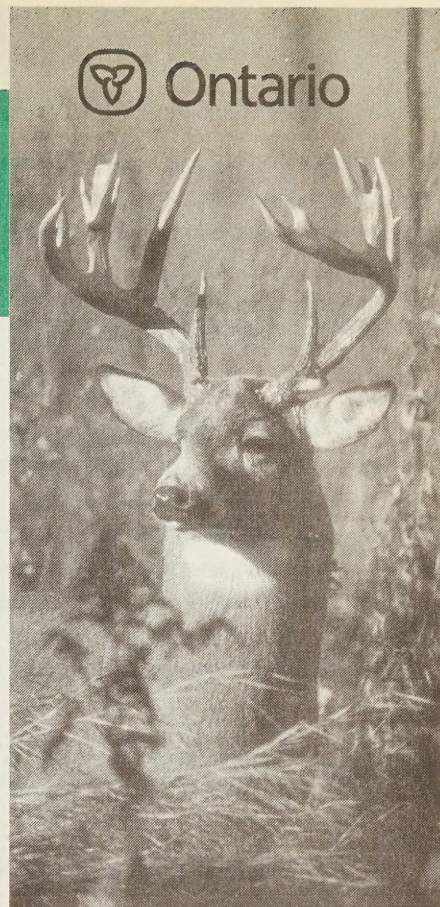
game seals for deer were made available in the south. Quotas for the controlled hunts increased last fall, and antlerless tags were also up. More deer hunting opportunities are being considered for this year.

Hunters will also be pleased to know that an improved definition of party hunting will be in place for 2004.

The reintroduction of wild turkeys in Ontario continues to enjoy tremendous success. Working closely with partners, we now have wild turkeys in many of the areas of the province that provide suitable habitat. Their thriving populations have also permitted additional chances to hunt this wily bird.

Consideration is also being given to expanding small game seasons in northeastern Ontario.

Each year, a number of hunter surveys are sent out to gather information on success rates, amount of time spent hunting and other factors. If you have



chosen to participate in a survey, please fill it out carefully and return it promptly. It is one more way that you can help ensure the sustainable management of Ontario's wildlife.

The government appreciates your ongoing support for Ontario's wildlife management programs. Together, we can manage our wildlife for the benefit of future generations.



PLEASE NOTE

Important New and Pending Changes

As the 2004/2005 hunting summary goes to press several changes are being considered.

For details on the items listed below check with the local MNR office responsible for the wildlife management units involved. See pages 95 and 96 for office locations and phone numbers.

FURBEARING MAMMALS

Pending:

- Consideration is being given to closing permanently the hunting and trapping of wolves and coyotes in the townships and parts of townships surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park and the hunting and trapping of coyotes in the townships and part townships in the south end of the park. The wolf hunting and trapping season is currently closed in townships listed in the open seasons table on pages 89 and 90 until June 30, 2004.

SMALL GAME

New:

- A new wild turkey season has been established for WMU 95 (Pelee Island).

Pending:

- Changes are being considered that would extend the ruffed and spruce grouse season to December 31 in WMUs 32-34, 44 and 45.
- An extension to the pheasant season is being considered for WMU 95 (Pelee Island).

DEER

New:

- New deer seasons have been established for the third week in November in WMU 64A (for all firearms) and 64B (archery, muzzle-loaders and shotguns only).

Pending:

- New archery and rifle seasons are being considered for WMU 4 similar to the seasons in WMUs 3, 15A and 15B.
- New six-day muzzle-loader seasons commencing on the first Monday in December are being considered for WMUs 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, and 69B.
- A new one-week rifle season is being considered for WMU 67 in the third week of November.

- A second one-week controlled deer hunt season commencing the first Monday following November 28 is being considered for WMU 89.
- Consideration is being given to opening the 2004 deer archery season in WMU 37 on October 16 rather than October 23.
- Consideration is being given to opening the two-day (even years only) controlled deer hunt in WMU 94B from even years only to every year.
- New non-resident deer (bucks only) seasons are being considered for WMUs 39, 41 and 42.
- Changes are being proposed that would allow the offering of additional game seals for deer in more WMUs.

MOOSE

New:

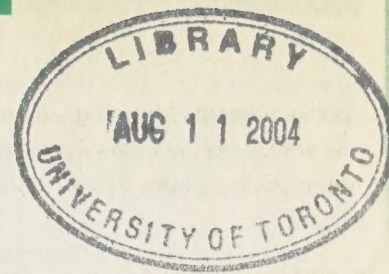
- For WMUs 48, 55A, 55B, and 57 regulations are in place requiring a special calf tag (acquired through the draw) to hunt calves in each of these WMUs and requiring mandatory registration of harvested moose and requiring mandatory reporting by all unsuccessful validation tag holders.
- For WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 a new six-day, early-October, archery season has been established. The season will begin the first Monday of October and end the following Saturday of each year.
- A new three-week archery season commencing on the Saturday closest to September 17 has been established for WMUs 35, 36 and 37.

PARTY HUNTING

New:

- Changes have been made to the definition of party hunting. The changes go into effect for the 2004 hunting season. See the new definition of party hunting on page 94.

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How to Use this Booklet

This booklet summarizes information dealing with licences and hunting laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

- a) the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, C.41 and the Regulations made under this Act;
- b) the Migratory Birds Convention Act – Canada and the Migratory Birds Regulations; and,
- c) the Endangered Species Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.15 and the Regulations made under this Act.

Each wildlife species or group of species has a section in this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations on hunting the species including open season tables (showing when and where you can hunt that species). The maps that show Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries appear in the middle of this booklet.

See the Glossary on page 93 for an explanation of terms found throughout this summary. You can obtain specific details of the Regulations (including more accurate descriptions of Wildlife Management Unit boundaries) from the appropriate MNR offices.

HUNTING includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act states otherwise.

No person shall shine a light for the purpose of hunting wildlife during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise. A person found shining a light at night in a game inhabited area and in possession of a firearm may be charged.

NOTE: The holder of a licence to hunt raccoon at night may shine a light during this period for the purpose of hunting raccoon while accompanied by a dog licensed to hunt raccoon at night.

A PERSON shall not INTERFERE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS LAWFULLY hunting, trapping or fishing by tampering with equipment, placing themselves in a position for the purpose of interfering, or engaging in an activity to disturb wildlife or fish.

Fish and Wildlife Guardians

Resource protection and conservation is a shared responsibility of everyone in Ontario. Effective compliance programs are an integral part of the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR's) contribution to resource protection. This is why MNR developed the Fish and Wildlife Guardian Program. The program gives interested members of the public the opportunity to assist MNR Conservation Officers with achieving compliance with the ministry's conservation laws.

- by acting as a deterrent by their presence in areas where resource violations have been known to occur; and,
- by acting as "eyes and ears" for local Conservation Officers by reporting any violations they may encounter in the course of their Guardian duties.

Guardians receive 16 hours of training and an annual re-certification to prepare them for their role.

They are issued a distinctively crested vest and cap, so that the public may readily identify them.

How do Guardians do this?

- by answering questions from the general public about rules that govern fishing, hunting, trapping and other resource-related activities;
- by providing local expertise and knowledge about area-specific regulations;
- by being a source of information about local opportunities to enjoy resource-related recreational opportunities;



If you think that THIS PROGRAM may be FOR YOU, contact your local MNR office for further details about the Guardian program or visit the Guardian Web page at: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing/guard.html>

Important Telephone Numbers and Dates for Ontario Hunters

General Inquiry Telephone Numbers

Outdoors Card Centre (lost or stolen cards and general card inquiries)	1-800-387-7011
Outdoors Card renewal (available all year)	1-800-288-1155 or http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca
Ministry of Natural Resource general inquiry line	1-800-667-1940
In Peterborough	(705) 755-2000

Electronic Licensing Line* – 1-800-288-1155

Wild turkey licensing telephone system	available March 1 to April 30
Moose licensing and draw applications systems	available April 26 to May 31
Antlerless deer licensing and draw application system	available March 1 to August 3
Controlled deer draw application system	available August 4 to August 31
Additional game seals for deer	available August 9 to 22

* Please note these are automated systems and you must enter information using your telephone key pad.

Please listen carefully, and follow the instructions when using this system.

Draw Results Line – 1-800-288-1155

Moose draw results	available August 1 to December 31
Antlerless deer draw results	available September 8 to December 31
Controlled deer draw results	available October 15 to December 31

Other Important Telephone Numbers

Canadian Firearms Centre	1-800-731-4000
Canadian Wildlife Service (waterfowl seasons)	1-905-336-6410
Non-Toxic Shot Information	1-800-267-5171
Banded Birds Reporting	1-800-327-2263
Crime Stoppers (report a poacher Canada wide)	1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
Forest Fires in the 705 area code (north of the French/Mattawa rivers)	1-888-863 FIRE (3473)
Forest Fires in the 807 area code (northwestern Ontario)	1-888-284-FIRE (3473)
Hats for Hides	1-888-873-3319

Important Dates for Ontario Hunters

Small game licences available	All year
Wild turkey electronic licensing	Available March 1 to April 30
Wild turkey paper licences become available	February
Moose electronic licensing and draw applications	Available April 26 to May 31
Moose licences and validation tag applications become available	April
Moose validation tag draw deadline	May 31
Moose validation tag draw results line opens	August 1
Moose surplus tag information from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EDT) – 1-800-363-3730	August 16
Black bear licences become available	February
Antlerless deer electronic licensing and draw applications	Available March 1 to August 3
Resident's and farmer's deer licences become available	February
Antlerless deer validation tag draw deadline	August 3
Antlerless deer validation tag draw results line opens	September 8
Controlled deer draw electronic applications	Available August 4 to August 31
Controlled deer draw paper application becomes available	August 1
Controlled deer draw application deadline	August 31
Controlled deer draw results line opens	October 15
Additional deer seals electronic sales line	August 9 to August 22

Youth

Employment in natural resources

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Youth Employment Programs play an important role in Ontario's Wildlife Management



Ontario Rangers building waterfowl platforms in the Cochrane area.



Ontario Stewardship Rangers assisting MNR staff radio tracking elk in the Kenora area.



Ontario Stewardship Rangers banding waterfowl near Chatham.

Young people, working in the Ministry of Natural Resources' Youth Employment Programs, completed hundreds of wildlife projects across Ontario in 2003.

Major projects completed include habitat work. This helps waterfowl by:

- Creating better nesting areas
- Removing non-native plant species
- Enhancing natural diversity

Elk restoration and woodland caribou recovery projects also benefit from the work done by young people. They have assisted in tracking and monitoring elk and caribou. They have also helped in determining elk locations using radio telemetry. This research helps MNR to:

- Establish survival rates
- Gather data on habitat of elk and caribou

Other ways Ontario's young people are involved include creating nesting areas for wood ducks by building wood duck boxes. They are also participating in species-at-risk projects that benefit all wildlife. Many of these young people are involved in collecting and analyzing data on plant and animal species and their environments. This helps MNR with:

- Life science studies on wetlands
- Mapping projects
- Population surveys
- Planting trees and vegetation

Youth in these programs work with and learn from involved partners, conservation authorities and agencies, fish and game clubs, provincial parks and MNR staff.

Over 2,300 young people were involved in the following programs: Internship, Co-op, Ontario-Quebec Exchange, Summer Experience, Ontario Rangers, and Ontario Stewardship Rangers.

If you know a young person who is looking for a job in 2004, and who is interested in the outdoors and in natural resource management, please pass this information on to them. Learn more about MNR's Youth Employment Programs by visiting our website or by calling us at 1-800-667-1940 (1840 for French).

Interns working with MNR staff on a marsh wetland evaluation near Pembroke.



2004 Licence and Tag Information

(GST included in all fees)

(Tags and game seals are considered to be part of the licence.)

Ontario residents must have a hunting version Outdoors Card prior to purchasing a hunting licence or tag. See page 8.

These licence fees are in effect until December 31, 2004.

1. MOOSE LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt moose \$41.00
- b) Non-resident's licence to hunt moose \$340.00
- c) Dog licence \$9.75

2. DEER LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt deer \$34.00
- b) Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer \$20.50
You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdictions as the case may be) in which you reside.
- c) Non-resident's licence to hunt deer (antlered deer only) \$170.00
- d) Dog licence \$9.75

3. BLACK BEAR LICENCES, CERTIFICATES AND GAME SEALS

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear \$34.00
- b) Non-resident's licence to hunt black bear \$170.00
Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the report that comes with the Certificate and return it to the issuer of the Certificate by the date indicated.
- c) Licence to provide bear hunting services \$35.00
- d) Dog licence \$9.75

4. SMALL GAME LICENCES AND TAGS

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt small game \$18.00
This licence is valid for a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey), game mammals (except bear, caribou, deer, elk and moose). Under this licence you may also hunt coyote, wolf, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, gray fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. You also need it to hunt on hunting preserves. A small game licence also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings and other animals not protected under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (e.g. groundhogs).
- b) Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night \$16.50
If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your raccoon licence and your Outdoors Card that has a small

game licence tag attached. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle for hunting raccoon at night.

- c) Non-resident's small game licence \$85.00
This licence authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf, coyote and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbirds or starlings. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident small game licence.

A non-resident licence does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham/Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

- d) Resident dog (raccoon) licence \$9.75
- e) Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve \$15.00
Non-residents who want to hunt game birds including wild turkey on a game bird hunting preserve only, must have this licence.

5. WILD TURKEY LICENCE TAG AND GAME SEAL

Wild turkey licence \$21.50
If you are a resident, you must have a wild turkey licence along with your Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag attached. If you are a non-resident, you must have a wild turkey licence and a non-resident small game licence (see page 21 for requirements).

6. FALCONRY LICENCES

- a) General/Apprentice Falconry licence \$20.00
- b) Commercial Falconry licence \$200.00

7. KEEPING WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY

Please contact your local MNR office for further information.

8. **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

(waterfowl, common snipe and woodcock)
To hunt migratory game birds, you must have a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game. This includes hunting with falconry birds or non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any main post office.

9. **NON-RESIDENT EXPORT PERMITS**

(see also Export and Shipping under appropriate species)
NOTE: Permit is required for any part of the animal, including carcass, hide or antlers.
Moose \$35.00
Deer \$35.00
Bear \$35.00

Licence Requirements

If you wish to hunt, you must have a licence valid for the species or group of species you are hunting, and **you must carry the licence, any validation tags and any game seals with you while hunting. You must show the licence to a Conservation Officer if asked to do so.** Check the tables in this summary to see what, when and where you may hunt. (Animals listed in the tables may be hunted only during an open season.)

Residents and non-residents must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible for an Ontario licence to hunt. Residents may obtain a licence at 15 years of age, but they must first get consent in writing from both parents, one parent (if not living with both parents) or a legal guardian (also see **Hunter Apprenticeship**, on page 13).

Contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at **1-800-731-4000** (or <http://www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca/>) for information about the requirements for firearm ownership, and firearms licensing.

Ontario Residents

What is an Outdoors Card?

An Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized, identification card to which Ontario licence tag stickers are affixed. There are two versions of the card: the hunting version (which also allows for fishing privileges) and the fishing (only) version.

Hunting version Outdoors Cards are issued to Ontario residents only. The hunting version Outdoors Card or Temporary Hunting version Outdoors Card is the only card that provides an Ontario resident with hunting privileges. The hunting version Outdoors Card also provides fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is affixed. You must carry your hunting version Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish.

An Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the third year. The expiry date for your

Outdoors Card is shown on the front of your card immediately to the right of the card number. Hunting licence tags also expire on December 31, **but the year of expiry may be different for your Outdoors Card and your licence tags**, depending on how you purchase your licence(s). The expiry date for one-year licence tags is printed on the lower edge of the tag. Three-year small game hunting or fishing licences expire with the card. Your Outdoors Card, licence tag and any applicable paper licence must be current for you to have a particular hunting or fishing privilege.

Who needs a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card?

To hunt in Ontario, most Ontario residents need a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and all applicable licences.

The first exception is the Ontario resident Hunter Apprentice hunting with a licensed Mentor. The Hunter Apprentice must carry an Ontario-issued Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card. (The mentor must have an Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licences, see page 13.)

The second exception is members of Aboriginal communities with Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights in Ontario. These hunters are not required to be in possession of an Outdoors Card provided they are hunting for food or ceremonial purposes within their traditional or treaty area.

All other Ontario residents, including Aboriginal persons hunting outside of areas within which they have Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights, must have a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and all applicable licences.

A resident of Ontario is defined as a person whose primary residence is in Ontario, and who has lived in Ontario for a period of at least six consecutive months during the 12 months immediately before applying for a licence. Hunters who do not fit this definition must purchase a non-resident licence.

Is an Outdoors Card a hunting licence?

No, an Outdoors Card is not a hunting licence. A complete and valid licence to hunt consists of an Outdoors Card plus the required hunting licence tags (affixed to the back of your Outdoors Card) plus any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

One-year hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area (see pages 95 and 96) to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

How do I get a hunting version Outdoors Card if I have never had one before?

A resident of Ontario who has never had a hunting version Outdoors Card may apply in one of two ways. The method you use to apply depends on how soon you want to go hunting or enter a wildlife validation tag draw.

Three types of hunting accreditation can be accepted when applying for a hunting version of the Outdoors Card. You must provide the original of one of the following:

- an Ontario Hunting Licence Examination Certificate/ Report issued to you after January 1, 1968; or,
- an Ontario resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968; or,
- an Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued a hunting licence as a resident or that you passed the Hunting Licence Examination.

The two methods of applying are:

1. **If you do not intend to go hunting right away** you can submit an Outdoors Card application with the original of your hunting accreditation, and payment, to the Outdoors Card Centre through the mail. (You may want to make a photocopy for your records before sending the original.) You will receive the card, with any hunting or fishing licence tags you purchased affixed to the card, in approximately four to six weeks.

You can get an Outdoors Card application by calling **1-800-387-7011**. The application form will be mailed to you.
2. **If you want to hunt right away, or enter a wildlife draw**, a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is only available from MNR offices. You must show the original of your hunting accreditation.

A Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid for hunting during the open season as soon as the required hunting licence tags are affixed to the back, and any required paper licences, game seals and/or validation tags are obtained. The Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card is valid until the end of

the calendar year. The fee for this Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year card at the end of the calendar year.

My Outdoors Card has expired. How do I renew it?

The date on which your hunting version Outdoors Card expires is shown on the front of your card (immediately to the right of your card number). To avoid any lapse in your privileges, it is recommended that you renew your card as soon as you receive your renewal package. This package is automatically mailed to you in the fall of the year in which your card expires.

You may renew your Outdoors Card in any of five ways. If you want to hunt right away or apply to a big game draw with a paper application and the draw deadline is imminent, you should renew by purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card (see number five below). The five ways to renew are:

1. by using the toll-free automated telephone system and your VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Be sure to have your Outdoors Card number on hand when you call. Call 1-800-288-1155. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
2. by connecting to the Internet at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca> and using your VISA or MasterCard credit card. You will need your Outdoors Card number and date of birth to complete this transaction. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
3. at more than 60 ServiceOntario Kiosk locations. ServiceOntario Kiosks accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express transactions as well as bank debit cards. You will need your Outdoors Card number when you renew. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
4. by mail using the renewal package sent to you in the fall of the year in which your Outdoors Card expires. For the convenience of Outdoors Card holders, a renewal package is sent automatically so you may renew before your current card expires. Payment may be made by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, cheque or money order. Please allow four to six weeks after you submit your renewal for your card to reach you. If you have misplaced your package, call 1-800-387-7011 for a replacement.
5. by purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card, in person, from a Ministry of Natural Resources office. The fee includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. Hunters purchasing a Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card will be charged a \$10.00 administrative fee. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year Outdoors Card at the end of the calendar year.

Some Outdoors Card and Hunting Licence Options for Residents of Ontario

A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 7. The one-year licence fees stated in this Summary are in effect until December 31, 2004. Three-year fees are subject to change after August 31, 2004. For the location of the licence issuer nearest you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. A list of Ministry of Natural Resources offices is provided on page 95 to 96.

Licence Type	Available From	Cost
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year sport fishing licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca , or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only).	\$126.00
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year conservation fishing licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca , or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only).	\$99.00
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca , or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only).	\$60.00
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card only (no fishing or hunting licence tag), valid for three-years. Note: this Outdoors Card becomes a licence only when the appropriate licence tag is affixed. For some types of hunting, a paper licence, game seal and/or validation tag will also be required.	Available by mail (new application or renewal), by telephone (renewal only) at 1-800-288-1155, over the Internet (renewal only) at http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca , or from a ServiceOntario Kiosk (renewal only).	\$6.00
Ontario resident's moose licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to apply for a moose validation tag on the electronic licensing line (with a credit card). See page 32 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	\$41.00
Ontario resident's deer licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer validation tag on the electronic licensing line (with a credit card). See page 61 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	\$34.00
Ontario farmer's deer licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Contact the MNR office that serves your area.	\$20.50
Ontario resident's black bear licence tag and game seal. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	\$34.00
Ontario resident's one-year small game licence tag. Expires December 31 of the year for which it is valid.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the MNR office that serves your area.	\$18.00
Ontario resident's licence (paper licence) and game seal to hunt wild turkey. Expires December 31 in year of purchase. Not valid without a small game licence.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) with a credit card. Also available from selected MNR offices and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts. See page 20 for more information.	\$21.50 per licence, (max. two licences per hunter.)
Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card.	Available at Ministry of Natural Resources offices.	\$6.00 plus \$10.00 administrative fee

I have a current Outdoors Card, but my licence tag has expired. How do I get a tag for this year?

Deer, moose, black bear and one-year small game hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

How can I get more information on the Outdoors Card?

The staff at the Outdoors Card Centre would be pleased to answer your questions.

You may reach the Outdoors Card Centre without charge from anywhere in North America by telephoning:

1-800-387-7011

The hours of operation of the Outdoors Card Centre are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

What should I do if my Outdoors Card is lost, stolen or destroyed?

If your Outdoors Card or any part of your licence is lost, stolen or destroyed, call the Outdoors Card Centre to arrange for a replacement. You will receive a replacement for the card and any three-year licence tags previously purchased. There may be a fee for replacement. To get an annual licence tag or paper licence replaced, you must complete an application form for a search (for a fee of \$10.00) at an MNR office. If you lose a game seal, contact the local MNR office. A list of MNR offices is provided on pages 95 and 96.

What else should I know about my Outdoors Card?

Here are other important things to keep in mind:

- you must notify the Ministry of Natural Resources of any address change within 10 days of the change. You can do this by calling the Outdoors Card Centre toll free at **1-800-387-7011** or by using the Internet site at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>. Failure to comply can result in a substantial fine under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act;
- you must carry your Outdoors Card, with all applicable licence tags attached, on your person whenever you are fishing or hunting. If a Conservation Officer asks to see your Outdoors Card, the law states you must show it;
- your Outdoors Card is not transferable to another person – it provides privileges to you alone;
- it is an offence to provide false information on an Outdoors Card application, licence tag, game seal or validation tag or to accept a licence with no date or one dated before or after the date you applied for it; and,
- licences cannot be exchanged as part payment toward another type of licence.

Non-Residents of Ontario

I live outside Ontario. How do I get a non-resident licence to hunt in Ontario?

Non-residents of Ontario must present one of the following to obtain a non-resident licence to hunt in Ontario:

- an Ontario non-resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968; or,
- a hunting licence issued to you by a competent authority in any jurisdiction as a resident of that jurisdiction after January 1, 1968; or,
- an Ontario Hunting Licence Examination Certificate issued to you after January 1, 1968; or,
- an Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued an Ontario licence to hunt, or passed the Hunting Licence Examination; or,
- a certificate, issued to you after January 1, 1968, by a competent authority in any jurisdiction, giving you permission to purchase a resident's hunting licence in that jurisdiction.

NOTE: A non-resident who wishes to hunt in Ontario must be 16 years of age or older.

Some Hunting Licence Options for Non-Residents

The licence fees stated in this summary are in effect until December 31, 2004. A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 7.

Licence Type	Available From	Cost
Non-resident's small game licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario.	\$85.00
Non-resident's moose licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. NOTE: see page 36 for information for non-residents wishing to hunt moose.	\$340.00
Non-resident's deer licence (antlered deer only)	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario.	\$170.00
Non-resident's black bear licence	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. NOTE: see page 81 for information for non-residents wishing to hunt bear.	\$170.00
Wild turkey licence	Available from selected MNR offices, and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts.	\$21.50 per licence (max. of two licences per hunter)

Where can I purchase a non-resident's hunting licence?

Non-resident hunters who wish to go hunting immediately may purchase a hunting licence at many locations throughout the province. For the licence issuer nearest to your intended hunting location, call the MNR office serving that area. A list of MNR offices is provided on pages 95 and 96.

What should I know about bringing my hunting rifle or shotgun into Canada?

Effective January 1, 2001, federal firearms regulations require that hunters who bring non-restricted firearms into Canada declare their firearms at their point of entry. A fee is required to complete this procedure; this confirmed declaration is valid for up to 60 days. Firearms Declaration Forms are available from Customs offices, through the toll-free Canadian Firearms Centre information line at **1-800-731-4000**, through the Canadian Firearms Centre Web site at www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca (click on "Fact Sheets") and often through hunting outfitters.

NOTE: Non-residents may face special requirements around the import or purchase of ammunition. Consult with your outfitter or call the Canadian Firearms Centre at **1-800-731-4000**.

Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Licences, Tags or Game Seals

If you lose your non-resident licence, you must complete an application for a search at an MNR office. The fee is \$10.00 for each lost licence. The search can only be done if the paper licence was purchased in the current year or the previous three years. You need to give the name and address of the licence issuer and the date of purchase (month and year). If possible, ask your licence issuer for the original licence number.

Licence Validity

The licence shows the period of time for which it is valid, commencing with the date and time of issuance. To be valid, the licences must be completed and signed. Licence validity or expiry dates do not indicate open season dates. For open seasons, check the tables and maps in this summary.

All annual licences expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted.

No small game hunting licence is valid from the 16th day of June to the 31st day of August for the area lying north and west of a line from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa River, formed by the southerly boundary of the District Municipality of Muskoka and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing.

For more details on validity of licences, contact an MNR office (see pages 95 and 96).

Transfer of Licences

It is illegal to transfer, buy, sell or give a licence, tag, game seal or any component of a licence to another person. It is also illegal to use or possess a licence, tag, game seal or any component of a licence that was issued to someone else. Under certain circumstances, however, moose tags can be transferred (see group tag transfers, page 31). It is also an offence to do anything which would enable your game seal to be used by another person.

Licence Issuers

Licence issuers are located throughout Ontario, at convenient locations such as sporting goods stores, hardware stores and tourist camps.

COMMUNITY FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (CFWIP)

Under the MNR's Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program (CFWIP), Ontario anglers and hunters have participated in hundreds of fish and wildlife management projects. You can contribute to fish and wildlife conservation by getting involved. Encourage children to get involved in conservation activities; help develop a sense of stewardship in our young people.

Think of the future.
Get involved with CFWIP.

For more information and project application materials, please contact an MNR office (see pages 95 and 96).

ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag that contains phone number **1-866-514-2327**, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

Hunter Safety Education

Hunter Education Courses and Examinations

The Ontario Hunter Education Program has been in place for over 40 years and has graduated more than 1,000,000 new hunters since its inception. Hunter education across North America has contributed to a steady decline in hunting-related incidents resulting in injury, making hunting today a safe outdoor recreational activity.

Ontario residents applying for their first Ontario licence to hunt and residents who cannot provide proof of having held a licence after January 1, 1968 must complete Ontario's Hunter Education Program and pass the Hunting Licence written and practical examinations.

New Ontario residents applying for an Ontario licence who can provide proof of resident hunting licence accreditation from any jurisdiction will receive one opportunity to pass the examinations without the requirement of taking the Hunter Education Program. Unsuccessful applicants will be required to complete the program before challenging the examinations again.

Students are encouraged to take a "One-Stop" combined course (Ontario Hunter Education Course and Canadian Firearms Safety Course). Graduates of this program will meet provincial training requirements to obtain a hunting licence and the federal training requirements for firearms ownership.

Ontario's Hunter Education Program is delivered by approximately 400 certified instructors across the province. For a list of Hunter Education Instructors or Examiners in your area, please contact an MNR office, or the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters at (705) 748-5785.

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program

The Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program is designed to enhance the existing Hunter Education Program by allowing individuals the opportunity to safely develop their hunting skills while under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a qualified Mentor. Any person who is 12 years of age or older and who has successfully completed the Hunter Education Course and examinations is eligible to participate in the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program. The Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program is mandatory for qualified participants under the age of 15 but is optional for new hunters who are 15 years of age or over.

Hunter safety is an integral component of this program and the following conditions apply to participants of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program:

1. Apprentice must be a resident of Ontario.
2. **Written parental permission** is required if the Apprentice is 12 to 15 years of age.

3. Apprentice must successfully complete the Ontario Hunter Education Program, including examinations.
4. Apprentice must carry a Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card while hunting.
5. Apprentice, while hunting, must be under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a hunter (Mentor) who is 18 years of age or older and who holds a valid licence to hunt the species of game being hunted.
6. Apprentice must **share a single firearm** with the Mentor.
7. If the species of game being hunted is wild turkey, the Apprentice must have successfully completed the Wild Turkey Education Program.
8. If the species of game being hunted is a migratory game bird, the Apprentice must be the holder of a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit.
9. Any game (except for migratory birds) taken by the Apprentice must be included in the bag limit of the Mentor.
10. Apprenticeship is valid for up to three years and is not renewable.
11. Mentor is responsible to ensure that the Apprentice complies with the regulations while hunting under the Mentor's supervision.

For additional information on the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program, contact an MNR office, see pages 95 and 96.

Hunter Orange

The objective of the hunter orange regulation is to maximize hunter safety without negatively impacting hunting success. Under this regulation, **all** licensed hunters, **including archery hunters**, hunting during the gun season for deer and moose are required to wear hunter orange. As well, all black bear hunters hunting during the black bear season are required to wear hunter orange except when in a tree stand. Waterfowl hunters, wild turkey hunters and archery hunters in archery-only areas are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.

A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 400 square inches (2,580 square cm) above the waist and be visible from all sides. Open mesh or camouflage hunter orange must not be part of the 400 square inches. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. The hunter orange head cover may have: open mesh; a peak or brim colour other than hunter orange; a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. The head cover may not contain camouflage material.

Hunter orange colour standards are generally consistent across North America. Manufacturers can provide information regarding clothing compliance with this standard.

General Regulations

Firearms

Firearms include air or pellet guns, bows and crossbows. You may use semi-automatic or repeating firearms for hunting in Ontario, but **not** handguns or fully automatic firearms. Air and pellet pistols with a muzzle velocity less than 500 feet per second may be used for hunting in Ontario. For storage and transportation information, **contact your local police department.**

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has a cartridge in the chamber or in a magazine that is attached to the firearm.

You must plug a semi-automatic or repeating shotgun so that it will not hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined. Under the Criminal Code of Canada you cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than five shots for a semi-automatic centre fire rifle unless that clip/magazine has been specifically exempted pursuant to the Firearms Regulations.

A muzzle-loader is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

A crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is nocked.

The draw length of a longbow is measured from the outer edge of the main riser (handle), following the line of an arrow to the anchor point.

The draw length of a crossbow is measured along the bolt ramp (where the bolt rests) from outer edge of the main limb, to the anchor point (release latch mechanism) at full draw.

The length of an arrow is measured from the base of the arrowhead to the bottom of the nock slot.

You must not discharge firearms from or across any right of way for public vehicular traffic or road in any part of Ontario designated in the Regulations or from or across the travelled portion in any other area. This does not apply to an unmaintained right of way unless the regulations provide otherwise. Generally, you are not allowed to have a loaded firearm between the fences, or if no fences, within eight metres from the edge of the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic in parts of Ontario as listed in the Regulations. These regulations apply year round in most of Ontario south of the French-Mattawa river system (however, in some areas of southern Ontario, they only apply during the gun season for deer). Contact an MNR office for specific information.

On the Aulneau Peninsula (WMU 7A), from September 1 to December 15 and from April 15 to June 15, you must not use

a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 lead shot, steel shot that is not larger than triple BBB shot, bismuth shot that is not larger than double BB shot or a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a rifle known as the .22 calibre rim-fire rifle. The calibre limitations do not apply to flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading rifles.

Check local sunrise-sunset times. **You may only hunt from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset, except as otherwise provided.** If you are in an area usually inhabited by wildlife, during the period from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, you must unload and encase firearms (including air gun, pellet gun, bow or crossbow) in your possession. Firearms must be securely encased in a manner whereby they are not readily accessible.

Some townships/municipalities have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the local municipal office for details.

Remember: Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property, are liable to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment – or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the Criminal Code.

ANY hunting injury caused by the discharge of a firearm and which results in treatment by a physician MUST BE reported to a Conservation Officer.

Falconry

You must have a falconry licence to keep falconry birds in captivity. You also need a valid small game hunting licence to hunt with these birds. All birds must be banded, and you must maintain a logbook and submit an annual report on each bird. Falconry birds are: bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, merlin, great horned owl, northern hawk owl, snowy owl and Cooper's hawk. No other specially protected birds (raptors) may be used to hunt.

You do not need a falconry licence to keep non-indigenous falconry birds. However, if you use them for hunting, you must have a valid small game hunting licence. All birds must also be banded, and you must keep a record of the origin of each bird and maintain a logbook. Non-indigenous falconry birds are: prairie falcon, saker falcon, lanner falcon, lesser falcon, Harris' hawk, ferruginous hawk, Swainson's hawk, Bonelli's eagle, European kestrel, European sparrow-hawk, tawny eagle and steppe eagle. No other non-indigenous raptors may be used to hunt.

Summary of Firearms Restrictions

Game Species & Season	Center-Fire Rifle	Rim-Fire Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Archery See page 14 for measurement instructions	
					Bow (compound, recurve, longbow)	Crossbow
Moose Rifle season	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	Bows must, at a draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less, have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.). Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, un serrated, barbed, straight and made of steel.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, un serrated, barbed, straight and made of steel.
Moose Archery season	No	No	No	No		
Black Bear	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes		
Deer	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	Bows must, at a draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less, have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.). Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, un serrated, barbed, straight and made of steel.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two cutting edges that are sharp, un serrated, barbed, straight and made of steel.
Deer Archery	No	No	No	No		
Wild Turkey	No	No	Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.	Muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.		
Controlled Deer	No (permitted in certain Units, see page 77)	No	Yes (restricted in certain Units, see page 77). No person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	No	No

NOTE: See appropriate sections for complete details.

In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear if you are the holder of a small game licence, you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or

projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be.

Dogs

You must licence any dogs to be used to hunt deer, moose or bear. There is no limit on the number of dogs that may be licensed and used. Dogs may not run at large in an area inhabited by deer, moose, elk or bear during the closed season.

You must have an authorization issued from the local MNR office to conduct dog training and field trials on game mammals and game birds during the closed season, or an appropriate hunting licence during the open season.

In order to hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting and you must have a resident's tag to hunt raccoon at night.

For a dog coming into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. The certificate must have a reasonably complete and legible description of the dog and the date of the vaccination. For more information, check with Canada Customs.

Dogs may be brought into Ontario without security if you list them as part of the Tourist Outfitter's and/or Sportsmen's equipment when completing the necessary customs forms.

Train and Trial Areas

Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, only persons who owned and operated train and trial areas on June 9, 1997 may be licensed. Operators of these areas must have applied for a licence by April 1, 1999. Licences granted to existing owners may not be transferred.

Licensed owners may be authorized to keep coyote, red fox, varying hare and cottontail in captivity for this purpose, and are responsible for keeping these animals in a safe, sanitary and humane manner.

Chasing of coyote, red fox, varying hare and cottontail rabbit only is allowed.

No hunting or possession of firearms is allowed in a train and trial area.

Licensed owners must keep detailed records of usage of the areas. For more information about these areas, contact an MNR office.

Snares

Snares cannot be used, except by licensed hunters for taking varying hares north of the French and Mattawa rivers with a snare constructed of copper or brass wire between 22 and 24 gauge. The opening of the snare wire loop must be 10 cm (4 in.) or less in diameter.

Licensed trappers may use snares under conditions specified in the regulations.

Poison and Adhesives

Poison and adhesives cannot be used for taking wildlife.

Use of Vehicles or Boats

(see definitions in the Glossary page 93 and 94)

Aircraft, snowmobiles, vehicles or boats may not be used for chasing, pursuing, worrying, molesting, killing, injuring or destroying any wildlife.

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all terrain vehicle) or motor boat or anything towed by the boat. An exception to this rule is that a person may obtain an authorization through the local MNR office if the person's mobility is impaired and the person meets one of the following criteria:

1. A paraplegic or hemiplegic.
2. A single (above the knee) lower limb amputation or a double (below the waist) amputation.
3. Suffers severe disability, and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, must provide a medical certificate stating disability. The authorization is valid for a period of up to five years for a person with a permanent disability.

A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from a canoe that is being paddled, with no motor attached. You may not hunt moose, deer or black bear while they are swimming.

NOTE: Restrictions on the use of motor boats. Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act a motor boat means a boat **with a motor that is attached to the boat**. There is an exception to this rule if you are hunting waterfowl in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Under the Migratory Birds Convention Act a person may hunt migratory game birds from a powerboat if the motor is not in operation and the forward motion has ceased. **A powerboat may be used for the purpose of retrieving migratory game birds.**

Trespassing

A hunting licence does not give hunters the right to enter private property.

ALWAYS ask for permission and obey signs. Signs may be in three formats:

- red or yellow markings of such a size that a circle of 10 cm (4 inches) can be contained wholly within them. Red means no entry is permitted. Yellow markings mean no entry is permitted except for activities that may be allowed
- graphic representation of a permitted or prohibited activity
- a written sign.

If it is not evident what activities are allowed, ask for permission from the landowner. Not all land is signed. Unsigned lands may be private land as well. (If property is fenced, no trespassing is permitted without permission of the landowner.) It is your responsibility to find out who owns the land you wish to hunt on and obtain permission. If unsure, stay out.

Positive landowner/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario.

Be sure you are familiar with the Occupiers' Liability Act and the Trespass to Property Act before entering private land. You may obtain these two Acts from Publications Ontario or online at http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/tocBrowseCL_E.asp?lang=en.

You will also be violating the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act if the landowner asks you to leave and you do not do so immediately, or if you do not obey signs prohibiting trespassing, hunting or fishing.

In any county or regional municipality you may not hunt in a party of more than 12 persons without the landowner's permission.

Before hunting on Indian Reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

If you wish to hunt deer on Barrie Island, Cockburn Island or Manitoulin Island, you must have with you a valid deer licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by MNR. If you wish to hunt moose in WMU 65, you must have a moose licence, the appropriate validation tag and written consent of the landowner on the form provided by MNR.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT DECOYS

Ontario Conservation Officers use simulated wildlife to detect unlawful harvest and violations of public safety under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Crown Lands

In Ontario, travel for recreational purposes on Crown lands and waters is generally free and unrestricted. Generally, camping is allowed free on Crown lands up to 21 days at one site (to qualify as a separate site which can be occupied for an additional 21 days, a second camp site must be at least 100 metres from the first location by that camper) or unless otherwise posted under the Public Lands Act. However, some Crown lands may have restricted-travel zones for forest fire prevention, officially closed forest-access roads or specific areas posted with signs to prohibit all or certain kinds of uses or travel. Contact an MNR office for further information.

Non-residents, except those using a camping unit rented from a person who carries on a business (commercial outfitter), require a permit to camp on Crown land north of the French and Mattawa rivers. Camping unit is defined as equipment used for the purpose of outdoor accommodation and includes a tent, trailer, tent-trailer, recreational vehicle, camper-back and any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation. Contact an MNR office or licence issuer for permits.

Some Crown lands may be posted against hunting and possession of firearms to protect forest workers or other resource users. Contact the local MNR office for the area in which you wish to hunt for details on safety-related hunting area closures.

Non-Resident of Canada Crown Land Camping Restrictions – WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B.

Non-residents of Canada, Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts from October 1 – November 15 inclusive.

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off of Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17;
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off of these roads to the junction of the English River Road;
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads;
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads; and
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information contact Kenora District at 807-468-2501 and Fort Frances District at 807-274-5337.

Game Preserves

Except where stated in the Regulations, you may not hunt or trap, or use or possess firearms in Crown Game Preserves. You may possess firearms if you live on private land within a Crown Game Preserve, but you may not hunt or trap. There are Crown Game Preserves other than those shown on the maps. Contact an MNR office for more details.

Provincial Parks

You may not hunt (or take) any mammals, birds, amphibians or reptiles, in provincial parks, or have a firearm with you, unless otherwise provided in the Regulations. Check with your local MNR office or the Regulations for more details and for special permit requirements for hunting in Clyde, Bruton and Eyre townships (WMU 54). See page 22 for listing of eligible parks.

Wildlife Management Areas – Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Area / Provincial Wildlife Area (see table below)

There are 34 Provincial Wildlife and Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas in Ontario which provide hunting. Some areas have daily or seasonal licence fees, while others may be used free of charge. Some areas are only open on certain days of the week and for special hours and designated species. Detailed information on each area can be obtained from MNR offices. See pages 49, 51 and 53 for listings.

Aylmer	Matchedash Bay
Beverly Swamp	Mountain
Binbrook	Mud Lake
Brighton	Nonquon
Calton Swamp	Orangeville
Camden Lake	Pine River Provincial Fishing Area
Copeland Forest Resources Management Area	Pt. Petre
Darlington (Provincial Park)	Presqu'île (Provincial Park)
Fingal	Rankin
Gananoque	Rondeau (Provincial Park)
Hilliardton Marsh	Scugog Island
Holland Marsh	Stag Island
Howard Ferguson Nursery	Tiny Marsh
Hullett	Valens Lake
Long Point	Waterford Lakes
Lake St. Lawrence	Willoughby Swamp
Luther Marsh	Wye Marsh Wildlife Management Unit

Hunting on Sunday

You may not carry or discharge a firearm, except bows or crossbows, on Sunday for the purpose of hunting in:

- a) any county except the County of Renfrew (except the Township of Raglan), the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, and the Township of Haldimand in the County of Northumberland;
- b) any regional municipality lying south of the French and Mattawa rivers;
- c) the City of Toronto; or,
- d) the territorial districts of Muskoka, and Parry Sound and that part of the Territorial District of Nipissing comprising the geographic townships of Boulter and Chisholm and the parts of the geographic townships of Ballantyne, Butt, Finlayson, McCraney and Paxton lying west of the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park.

The above does not apply to hunting on a licensed game bird hunting preserve.

Guides

You may not act as a guide for moose and deer hunting in the Territorial District of Rainy River unless you have a valid guide's licence. A non-resident of Canada cannot be a guide and cannot obtain this licence.

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer or moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River.

Conservation Officers

Conservation Officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes they enforce, including the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Fisheries Act. When carrying out his or her duties, or investigating an offence under these statutes or the corresponding regulations, a Conservation Officer may do the following:

- stop and/or inspect a vehicle, boat or aircraft;
- inspect firearms, ammunition, game or fish;
- ask questions relevant to the inspection;
- inspect buildings or other places;
- search with a warrant;
- search without a warrant in circumstances requiring immediate action;
- seize items related to the offence; and,
- arrest anyone the Conservation Officer believes has committed, is committing, or is about to commit an offence under these Acts or any other legislation they may enforce.

Conservation Officers operate random "Game Check Stations" throughout the year. At these stations, Conservation Officers collect information on game taken by hunters and make sure the regulations are being followed in order to better manage our wildlife resources.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is the main provincial law regulating hunting and trapping. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is enforced by Conservation Officers and Deputy Conservation Officers.

The penalties for offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act can include:

General offences: . . . \$25,000, 1 year imprisonment, or both.

Commercialization:

related offences: . . . \$100,000, 2 years imprisonment, or both.

You may obtain the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and regulations at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

Specially Protected Wildlife

In Ontario, it is illegal to kill specially protected wildlife (see Glossary, page 94, for a list of these species) except in protection of property.

The ministry is interested in receiving information about any illegal acts involving specially protected wildlife. Please contact the local MNR office.

Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act protects 36 species of animals and plants and their habitats. These are: small white lady's-slipper orchid, small whorled pogonia, large whorled pogonia, cucumber tree, prickly pear cactus, heart-leaved plantain, slender bush clover, horsetail spike-rush and few-flowered club-rush (also known as shy bulrush), wood poppy, hoary mountain mint, frosted elfin, blunt-lobed woodsia, drooping trillium, juniper sedge, nodding pogonia, pink milkwort, spotted wintergreen, Karner blue butterfly, Blanchard's cricket frog, northern dusky salamander, Lake Erie water snake, blue racer, timber rattlesnake, white pelican, bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, piping plover, Eskimo curlew, Kirtland's warbler, loggerhead shrike, Henslow's sparrow, king rail, prothonotary warbler and eastern cougar.

Anyone who interferes with, injures or kills an endangered species or destroys the habitat of an endangered species is liable to a fine of up to \$50,000 or two years imprisonment – or both. Contact an MNR office for more information about endangered species.

Protection of Property

Generally, you may on your own land, capture, kill or harass wildlife to stop that wildlife from damaging your property. This does not apply to moose, caribou, elk, endangered species or the trapping of black bear. White-tailed deer may be killed or harassed with an authorization from the ministry. You may also use an agent if the agent is authorized by the ministry or belongs to a class of agents prescribed by the Regulations. There are exceptions to this. Contact an MNR office for further information. **Black bears killed in protection of property must be immediately reported to an MNR office.** A person may not use a body gripping trap or be in possession of a body gripping trap unless he or she is lawfully entitled to use the trap.

Elk and Caribou

There is no open season for elk or caribou in Ontario.

Game Wildlife and Parts

You may not let the flesh of any harvested game wildlife (see definition in Glossary, page 93) which is suitable for food be destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. This includes black bear.

It is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game wildlife or specially protected wildlife or their parts, except under the authority of a licence and as permitted by the regulations. Contact an MNR office for more information.

In addition, you may purchase only the meat of furbearing mammals from a person licensed to take that furbearer for your own use or that of your immediate family. A person selling a carcass of a furbearing mammal for consumption must advise the buyer in writing that the meat has not been inspected under the Meat Inspection Act.

A person without a licence may buy or sell a single hide of black bear, with head and claws attached, and a single hide of a deer and moose, without the head attached, and a single set of cast antlers of caribou, elk, deer and moose if they are lawfully acquired.

A person who wishes to buy more than a single hide or single set of cast antlers must have a dealer's licence. Please contact an MNR office.

The above regulations now apply not only to meat and parts of Ontario wildlife, but also to meat and parts imported into Ontario from outside the province.

For information on conducting wild game dinners contact your local MNR office.

BLACK BEAR GALLS – No person may possess a black bear gallbladder that has been removed from a black bear.

Possession of Accidentally Killed Animals

If you wish to keep animals including certain birds (other than migratory birds) killed by natural or other accidental causes including road kills, a Certificate of Reporting Game must be obtained. In the case of black bear, moose, deer, elk and caribou, you must report the acquisition to an MNR office immediately. For specially protected raptors and furbearing mammals, you must make the report within two working days from when you acquired it. You need a Licence to Possess a Pelt for furbearing mammals. In addition, anyone who acquires a specially protected raptor (see definition in Glossary page 94) must take the carcass to an MNR office for registration within five working days of the acquisition. For migratory birds, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Burlington at **(905) 336-6410**.

A person who kills a specially protected raptor or a furbearing mammal in protection of property, and is planning to keep the carcass, must report the acquisition.

A person who kills a black bear in protection of his/her property must report it to the MNR district/area office whether or not the carcass is kept.

Export and Shipping

You must have an Ontario export permit to export moose, deer and bear or any part thereof from Ontario (see pages 25, 56 and 80-81 for more information).

An Ontario export permit for non-residents is \$35.00. For residents of Ontario, export permits are issued at no charge.

Residents and non-residents may export from Ontario game wildlife legally killed under the appropriate licence, if they produce a valid hunting licence for those species.

A resident may temporarily transport moose, deer or bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario, and does not leave any of the wildlife outside Ontario.

You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal, or its pelt from Ontario (see page 89 for more information).

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export wolf, black bear or several other species from Canada.

The CITES permit requirement is waived for U.S. or Canadian residents in some instances (see page 81). In some instances both a CITES permit and a provincial export permit are required.

CITES permits are currently available free of charge from most MNR offices.

For more information on CITES see www.cites.ca.

A person shall not possess wildlife that was killed, captured, taken, possessed, transported, bought, sold or removed from another jurisdiction contrary to the laws of that jurisdiction.

A person shall not sell wildlife from another jurisdiction if the sale is not permitted in the jurisdiction that it was originally exported from.

Wildlife in Captivity

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act requires you to have a licence in order to keep game and specially protected wildlife in captivity. Contact an MNR office for more information.

Wild Turkey Seasons and Other Regulations

Licence Fee (GST is included)

Wild Turkey Licence and Game Seal \$21.50 per licence (maximum of two licences per hunter)

If you are a resident, you must have a wild turkey licence along with your Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag attached. If you are a non-resident, you must have a wild turkey licence and a non-resident's small game licence (see page 8 for requirements).

Wild Turkey*			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
59, 60A, 61, 62, 63, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 69A, 69B, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83A, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93A, 94B, 95	Residents and Non-Residents Apr. 26 to May 31	1 bearded wild turkey per licence per day 2 licences per hunter maximum	1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 p.m. (noon)

* Wild Turkey Open Season in 2005: April 25 to May 31, 2005

An open season has been established for wild turkey in WMU 95 (Peelee Island).

The Status of the Wild Turkey

Wild turkeys are native to Ontario. They were extirpated in the early 1900s through a combination of a decline in the amount of their forest habitat and unregulated harvest. In 1984, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) and the Federation of Ontario Naturalists teamed up to begin the process of restoring this magnificent bird to southern Ontario forests. As new flocks become established, turkey hunting opportunities are expanding to new areas. Check out the progress in "Fast Facts on Hunting Wild Turkey in Ontario" on page 23.

Wild Turkey Licences

If you have never hunted wild turkeys in Ontario before, you must take a wild turkey hunter education seminar and pass a test in order to get a wild turkey licence.

The MNR Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminar Program, administered by the O.F.A.H. teaches safety, ethics and successful turkey hunting techniques. Participants must attend a seminar and pass a written, multiple-choice test to receive a certificate which allows them to purchase an Ontario wild turkey licence.

The schedule of wild turkey seminar locations and dates is available from local MNR offices in areas with a wild turkey hunt or from the O.F.A.H. at **(705) 748-6324**, or the O.F.A.H. Web site at www.ofah.org.



Ontario residents wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have:

- a valid hunting version Outdoors Card;
- a small game licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card); and,
- a wild turkey licence (a paper licence that must be carried when hunting) and game seal.

Wild turkey licences are available provincewide through the Ministry of Natural Resources' Electronic Licensing Line, an automated telephone system (see page 5). In addition, counter sales of wild turkey licences will be offered by some MNR offices in southern Ontario as well as by selected licence issuers in the MNR regions of Kemptville, Minden, Guelph, Vineland, Pembroke, Kingston, Peterborough, Bancroft, Midhurst, Aylmer, and Aurora.

Ontario residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a licence issuer must show the following at the time of purchase:

- their Outdoors Card bearing a gold “T” insignia; **OR**
- their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus their Wild Turkey Hunter Education certificate; **OR**
- their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus a previous Ontario wild turkey licence bearing the hunter’s name and Outdoors Card number.

Non-residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from an MNR office or licence issuer must show their Wild Turkey Education certificate.

The Electronic Licensing Line allows Ontario resident hunters to purchase a wild turkey hunting licence using a toll-free telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to April 30, 2004. To use this system, a hunter who has received a certificate at a wild turkey seminar needs:

- a valid hunting version Outdoors Card number;
- a valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express card;
- a Touch-Tone telephone.

The hunter will be instructed to enter the required information using the telephone’s keypad. Please note: This system does not accept spoken answers; only responses provided using the keypad can be processed.

To purchase a licence using the Electronic Licensing Line, call **1-800-288-1155 between March 1 and April 30, 2004.**

Hunters wishing to purchase two wild turkey licences by telephone must place two calls. Your wild turkey licence(s) and game seal(s) will be mailed the next business day. Please allow time for your licence(s) and game seal(s) to reach you.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

The following is an overview of wild turkey hunting regulations. For complete information, or if you have additional questions, please contact an MNR office that serves the area in which you would like to hunt. A list of MNR offices can be found on page 95.

The wild turkey hunting season is open from April 26 to May 31, 2004, in selected Wildlife Management Units in southern Ontario. The harvest limit is two bearded wild turkeys per hunter per season. A licence is required for each of the two birds. You may buy both licences in advance, but the **two birds may not be taken on the same day**. You are permitted to call wild turkeys for another hunter after filling your own licence(s), but you must not be in possession of a firearm when doing so.

Wild turkeys may be hunted using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) and archery equipment. Shotguns must be no larger than 10 gauge, and not smaller than 20 gauge, loaded with shot sizes 4, 5 or 6.

When archery hunting, bows must meet the following specifications.

Crossbows:

- draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.);
- draw weight must be at least 45 kg (99.2 lb.);
- bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Longbows:

- draw weight must be at least 18 kg (39.7 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less;
- arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.);
- arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 14 under “Firearms”.

You may not use live decoys or electronic calls while wild turkey hunting in Ontario. You may not hunt wild turkeys with the use of bait.

Sealing and Transporting

The holder of a licence who has killed a wild turkey shall:

- a) immediately after the kill and at the site of the kill attach the seal provided with the licence or licence tag to the wild turkey in the manner indicated on the seal;
- b) keep the seal attached to the wild turkey until it is prepared for consumption; and,
- c) take the intact carcass of the bird (with or without guts) to a designated check station between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the day of the kill.

It is mandatory for hunters to take their wild turkey to an MNR check station on the day of the kill. For a list of check stations please contact the MNR office in the area you plan to hunt, or log on to www.mnr.gov.on.ca and click on Fish and Wildlife.

Non-resident Opportunities

Ontario’s wild turkey season is also open to non-residents who:

- are accredited hunters;
- have taken the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminar and passed the written test; and,
- have purchased a non-resident’s small game licence and a wild turkey licence.

Wild Turkey Seminars



Wild turkey hunting is unlike any other type of traditional hunting in Ontario.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters administers the Wild Turkey Hunter Education Program in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Anyone wishing to hunt wild turkeys in Ontario for the first time must take this one-day course before they can obtain a licence.

Even for those people who do not hunt, the affordably priced Wild Turkey Seminar is a worth while investment. The program covers the natural history of the wild turkey, equipment, calling, hunting safety and responsible hunting, hunting regulations, and hunting techniques. Emphasis on conservation and wild turkey restoration are also part of this comprehensive program.

For a complete list of Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminars, or to register, call the O.F.A.H. at 705-748-6324 or visit the O.F.A.H web site at www.ofah.org.

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Hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks

Permitted by regulations made under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Hunters are advised to check with the Parks Office for further details.

SPECIES – Moose, Grouse, Varying Hare

Lake Superior (portion)

SPECIES – Game Birds or Game Mammals

Algonquin (Clyde and Bruton Twps.)

SPECIES – Ducks, Geese, Rails, Coots and Gallinules

Darlington

Lake of the Woods

Long Point

McRae Point

Polar Bear

Presqu'ile

Rock Point

Rondeau

Westmeath

SPECIES – Game Birds, Migratory Birds or Game Mammals

Abitibi-De Troyes

Albany River

Alexander Lake Forest

Algoma Headwaters

Algonquin Park

(McRae Addition)

Amable du Fond River

Aubindadong-Nushatogaini Rivers

Aubinadong River

Aubrey Falls

Big East River

Biscotasi Lake

Black Creek

Black Sturgeon River

Blind River

Blue Lake

(expanded areas only)

Bonnechere River

Brightsand River

Chapleau-Nemegosenda River

Charleston Lake

(expanded areas only)

Dalton Digby Wildlands

Dana-Jowsey Lakes

Eagle Dogtooth

East English River

Englehart River Fine Sand Plain
Waterway

Fawn River

French River

Fushimi Lake

Goulais River

Grundy Lake

Gull River

Halfway Lake

(expanded areas only)

Jocko Rivers

Kap-Kig-Iwan

(expanded areas only)

Kashabowie

Kawartha Highlands

Kopka River

Lake St. Peter

La Cloche

LaMotte Lake

Larder River Waterway

LaVerendrye

Little Abitibi

Little Current

Little White River

Lower Madawaska River

Magnetawan River

Makobe-Grays River

Mashkinonje

(expanded areas only)

Missinaibi

(hunting only permitted north of

Peterbell – contact 705-864-1710 ext.

214 for applicable restrictions in
areas north of Peterbell)

Mississagi (expanded areas only)

Mississagi River

Nagagamisis

Nakina Moraine

Neys (expanded areas only)

Nimoosh

Noganosh Lake

North Channel Inshore

Obabika River

Obatanga

Opeongo River

Obonga-Ottertooth

Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River

Ottawa River

Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls

Pancake Bay (expanded areas only)

Pigeon River

Pipestone River

Point Farms

Pretty River Valley

Pukaskwa River

Puzzle Lake

Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands

(replaces Dalton Digby Wildlands,
Schedule 78)

Restoule (hunting only permitted west
of the Restoule River, north of Burnt
Creek Complex and the OLL
addition, please contact (705) 729-
2010 for applicable restrictions)

Ruby Lake

Sandbar Lake (expanded areas only)

Sandpoint Island

Severn River

Silent Lake (expanded areas only)

Silver Falls

Solace

South Bay

Spanish River

St. Raphael

Steel River

Sturgeon River

Temagami River

The Massasauga

The Shoals

(hunting only permitted north of
Hwy. #101)

Turtle River-White Otter Lake

Upper Madawaska River

W.J.B. Greenwood

Wabakimi (expanded areas only)

Wanapitei

Wenebegan River

West English River

West Montreal River

Whitesand

Widdifield Forest

Winisk River

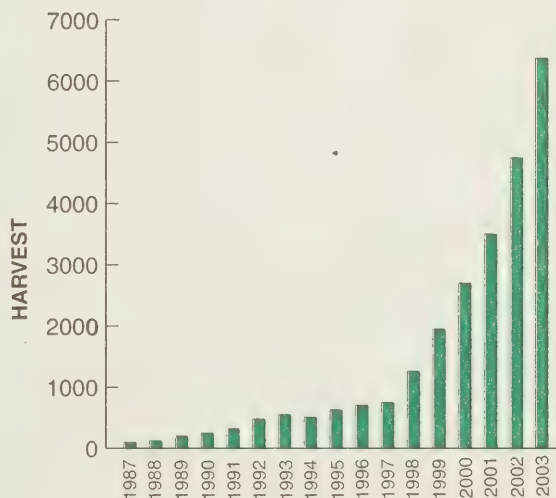
Woman River Forest

Hunting Wild Turkey in Ontario

- Prior to the wild turkey restoration program, which began in 1984, the last wild turkey seen in Ontario was observed in the early 1900s. Ontario's wild turkey population is currently estimated at more than 50,000 birds, and continues to grow.
- With the help of volunteers, and partners in Canada and the United States, Ontario has released more than 4,200 wild turkeys in the province at more than 260 sites.
- In 2003, more than 25,700 wild turkey licences were sold in Ontario. In the past few years, wild turkey licence sales have increased by about 20 per cent annually.
- The sale of wild turkey licences generated more than \$500,000 in revenues in 2003.
- In 1990, only 16 Wildlife Management Units had spring turkey seasons. In the spring of 2004, wild turkey hunting seasons were open in 68 Wildlife Management Units across southern Ontario.



Wild turkey harvest in Ontario has grown steadily since 1987 when 64 birds were taken during our first spring season. In 2003, an estimated 6,434 turkeys were harvested.



Moose Hunting in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 Has Changed:

Calf Validation Tag Now Required

To address the declining moose population in eastern Ontario, and respond to the recommendations of a public consultation group called the Eastern Ontario Moose Management Round Table, MNR has put in place a series of new moose hunting rules for WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57.

The new moose hunting rules for these WMUs include:

Calf Tag Allocation

- A calf validation tag is required to harvest a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57. Calf validation tags will be available through the adult draw. Party hunting on calf tags is allowed (see the rules around Party Hunting for Moose on page 37).
- Hunters can apply to the draw for calf or adult tags in these units by telephone or by paper application. Hunters may apply to the draw as a group but there will be no Guaranteed Group Size.
- Hunters who are successful in the 2004 draw for a calf tag will retain Pool 1 status in 2005.

Enhanced Hunter Registration and Reporting

- **Mandatory Registration:** A harvest registration form will be mailed to each hunter who is successful in the draw for a tag. Tag holders who harvest a moose must complete their harvest registration form and take the harvested moose (field dressed carcass) to a check station no later than 48 hours after the close of the season specified on the validation tag. The harvest registration form must accompany the animal to a designated check station. The location and hours of operation for the check stations will be distributed with the validation tags.
- **Mandatory Reporting:** Tag holders who do not harvest a moose must return the completed harvest report form to MNR by mail within 14 days of the close of the season specified on the validation tag.
- Tag holders who fail to register a harvested moose at a check station, or who fail to report an unsuccessful harvest by mail, will be ineligible to hunt moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 in the following year, and may also be charged with failing to report under regulations contained in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Archery Season

- A new six-day, early-October archery season (in addition to the traditional gun hunt) has been established in these four WMUs, to partially compensate for the reduction in hunting opportunities that will result from the requirement for calf moose validation tags. All four WMUs will have a limited allocation of archery tags. The season will begin the first Monday of October and end the following Saturday of every year. In 2004, the new season will open Monday October 4th and end Saturday October 9th.

Moose Seasons and Other Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. Resident's licence tag to hunt moose \$41.00
2. Non-resident's licence to hunt moose \$340.00
3. Dog licence \$9.75

Non-resident's Export Permit Fee

(also see Export and Shipping) \$35.00

This permit is required to export from Ontario any part of the moose, including carcass, hide or antlers.

Resident's Export Permit issued at no charge.

DRAW RESULTS LINE: 1-800-288-1155 (available after August 1).

Call toll-free to determine your success in the draw for moose validation tags.



Firearms

Big game, including moose, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting moose you may use or carry only a firearm of the type (rifle, shotgun, archery or muzzle-loader) permitted for hunting moose at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting moose during an archery only season, you may use or carry only archery equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other game species.

However, when hunting moose during a rifle/shotgun season you may also carry a rifle or shotgun for small game (in addition to your firearm that meets the specifications to hunt moose) because it is the same type of firearm.

The following cannot be used for hunting moose:

- a rim-fire rifle;
- a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot; and
- any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting, bows must meet the following specifications.

Crossbows:

- draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.);
- draw weight must be at least 54 kg (119 lbs.);
- bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Longbows:

- draw weight must be at least 22 kg (48.5 lbs.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less;
- arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.);
- arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 14 under "Firearms".

NOTE: You may not hunt moose while they are swimming.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export moose or any part of a moose from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most MNR offices in the area where the animal has been taken as well as from specific outside issuers (contact the local MNR office for details). You should obtain the export permit before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience.

A resident may temporarily transport a moose out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any part of the moose outside Ontario.

A non-resident must pay \$35.00 for an export permit. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

NOTE: Non-residents are advised that at the time the 2004 *Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary* went to press, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and some states had import restrictions in place affecting wild ruminant meat. Non-resident hunters should check with the USDA and their state authorities on the status of any restrictions when planning their hunt. Similarly, Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the US to reach a Canadian destination should check for any restrictions on transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary. For more information see the USDA website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>. Click on "Import Alerts" found in the "News and Information" section.

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River. Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in the Territorial District of Rainy River include: 9B, 10, 11A

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

Who can hunt moose in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt moose under certain conditions if he or she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card, a current moose hunting licence tag (sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a cow or a bull. **OR**
- If hunting for calf in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57 the hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a calf in the specific WMU being hunted (**see the new rules for hunting moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 on page 24**). **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting (**see the new definition of party hunting on page 37**) with someone who has a game seal and validation tag. **OR**
- The hunter has a game seal and is hunting calf moose in a WMU other than 48, 55A, 55B or 57.

The exception to this is WMU 65 which has a hunt with controlled hunter numbers (see pages 36 and 40 for more information on the controlled hunt in WMU 65 or call the Kemptville District Office at 613-258-8204).

To receive a validation tag to hunt for an adult moose (or to hunt for a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57), the resident hunter must purchase a moose licence and apply to the moose validation tag draw. Tags are issued through a computerized draw. The validation tag authorizes the holder to hunt only the type of moose described on the validation tag in the WMU specified.

Residents of Ontario who are going to be a guest of a qualified tourist outfitter at the time of the hunt may be able to get an adult moose validation tag through the outfitter. The tag is valid only if you are a registered guest and actually accommodated by the tourist establishment. This may be on

a Crown land site if authorized for occupancy by the ministry, or at a camp operated by the outfitter.

What is a moose validation tag?

A validation tag allows the tag holder (or members of the recipient's party if hunting in a party with the recipient) to harvest an adult moose (or a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57) under certain specified conditions. The conditions state the WMU to which the tag applies; the season (either the gun season or the archery season); the type of moose (bull, cow, calf); and, any firearm restrictions (rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzle-loader) which may apply to the hunter. Non-resident tags include additional information.

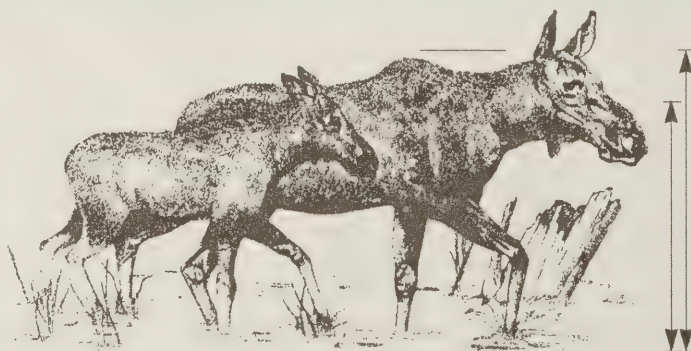
The number of validation tags available in a WMU is related to the number of adult moose MNR biologists calculate can be harvested, while retaining enough breeding animals to allow the herd to replace the number removed from the population. Because the number of Ontario residents wishing to hunt moose is greater than the number of tags available, validation tags are allocated through computerized draws (see page 29). Ontario residents wishing to apply to the draw should use either the toll-free telephone application system (see page 30), or the Resident's Application for a Moose Validation Tag that is attached to the moose licence. The deadline by which a telephone application must be made is **11:55 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, May 31, 2004**. If you plan to apply by telephone do not leave your call until the day of the deadline! If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try. The deadline by which a carefully and completely filled out paper draw application must be received at an MNR office is **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 31, 2004**.

How do you define a calf, a cow and a bull moose?

A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

A cow is a female moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

A bull is a male moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.



Short face

Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face."

Seldom alone

Calf moose are seldom alone.

Body proportions

Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender.

Shoulder Height

Shoulder height of cow moose is six feet (2 m) and of calf moose is four feet (1.3 m).

What are the different ways a resident of Ontario may apply to the draw for a validation tag to hunt moose?

There are two ways in which an Ontario resident can apply to the draw for a moose validation tag:

- as a member of a group; or,
- as an individual hunter

In order to apply to the draw, the hunter must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card and must have purchased a moose licence.

The hunter who fails to get an adult moose validation tag through the draw process and still wishes to hunt an adult moose may party hunt with the holder of an adult moose validation tag. Another option is to hunt with an outfitter who has moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

If the hunter fails to get a calf validation tag in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 through the draw process, other options are to hunt for a calf in any other WMU with an open season for moose, or, to hunt with an outfitter who has adult moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

NOTE: A hunter cannot have more than one moose validation tag at the time of the hunt.

What are the benefits to applying as a group?

If you party hunt, it is always better to apply as part of a group.

Applying in a group – no matter what size (maximum of 10) – increases every hunter's chances of obtaining a moose validation tag for their party. Group applications allow tags to be spread out more evenly among hunting parties.

If your group is too small to meet the Guaranteed Group Size or the Hunter:Tag Ratio, all members of your group will have, at the very least, the same chance they would have had if they all applied to the draw as individuals. Applying in a group ensures that your party will not receive more tags than it can use.

Applying in a group provides your party with the best chance of getting one tag while keeping as many hunters as possible in Pool 1 for the next year.

ATTENTION HUNTERS

If you kill any animal that is carrying ear tags, a radio collar or any other marking or scientific device, please report the details as soon as possible to the nearest MNR office. Hunters will NOT be penalized in any way for legally harvesting such an animal. On the contrary, the information that you supply by returning the devices will contribute to the collection of valuable information on the animals being studied and is much appreciated.

Applying in a group means if the tag holder is unable to go hunting, the tag can be transferred to the Ministry-designated alternate. (Individuals are never permitted to transfer their tag to another person.) So go for a group!

How do I know what "pool" I am in for tag application purposes?

All applicants to the draw for a moose validation tag are in either Pool 1 (also called the preferred pool) or Pool 2 (also called the non-preferred pool). Knowing what pool you (and members of your group) are in is important information because only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the size of your group.

You are in Pool 1 if you:

- applied on time for the draw in 2003, and were unsuccessful in getting a tag; or
- you were successful in the draw and transferred the tag to the group alternate, unless you did this in two consecutive years.

Simply purchasing a moose licence last year does not qualify you for Pool 1 this year.

NOTE: a hunter who receives a calf validation tag in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57 will retain Pool 1 status for the following year's moose draw.

You are in Pool 2 if you:

- received a moose tag in the 2003 draw; or,
- received a tag through a transfer in 2003; or,
- did not apply to the draw in 2003.

Beginning in the fall 2001 hunt, hunters who have transferred tags in two consecutive seasons will be placed in Pool 2 for the following year's draw. This means that if a hunter transferred a tag in 2002, and again in 2003, he or she will be placed in Pool 2 for the 2004 draw. This change was made as a result of an increasing number of hunters repeatedly transferring tags. As before, the recipient will be placed in Pool 2.

How do I stay in Pool 1 for next year if I know I cannot hunt this year?

Some hunters who are eligible for Pool 1 know they will not be able to participate in the moose hunt this year, but want to ensure they are in Pool 1 next year. There are two ways to ensure you do not get a tag this year when you apply for the draw, so that you can retain your Pool 1 status for the next year's draw.

You can:

- submit a paper draw application and apply for WMU 99Z (this is not a real WMU so you will not be issued a tag); or,
- submit a paper draw application and leave your choice of WMU and season blank.

What is the guaranteed group size method of applying to the draw?

In many WMUs, an adult moose validation tag will be guaranteed to a group of hunters when the number of Pool 1 hunters in the group meets a pre-determined size. This is known as the "guaranteed group size."

The actual size of the group required varies:

- from WMU to WMU;
- according to the sex of moose preferred; and,
- in some WMUs according to the firearm preferred by the group (gun or archery).

Remember, only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the group size.

If you have enough Pool 1 hunters in your party to meet the guaranteed group size in the WMU, sex and season choice for the type of tag your party wants, you should apply to the draw as one group. Be sure to apply for the guaranteed tag (WMU and bull/cow) as your first choice if it is your preference. If applying by telephone, keep a record of the Group Reference number (group leaders only) or the Authorization Number (group members and individual applicants) provided to you during the phone call. If applying by paper, keep a record of your Group Application Number (printed in red on the back of the Group Application Envelope).

How is the guaranteed group size determined?

The 2004 guaranteed group size is calculated for each WMU, sex and season choice. The "potential" number of Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1) applicants to the 2004 draw is estimated by adding together the 2003 P1C1 applicants and Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1) applicants, and subtracting the 2003 tag quota. Then, this number of "potential" P1C1 applications is divided by the new 2004 tag quota. The result is the 2004 guaranteed group size.

We want to party hunt, but our group is smaller than the guaranteed group size.

How should we apply?

If you hunt in a party it always makes sense to apply as a group.

Even if you do not have enough Pool 1 members to guarantee a tag – or if there is no guaranteed group size for your WMU – by applying as a group you will be in the draw at two tag allocation steps: the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation. If your party members were to apply as individuals, they would be eligible for the Random Allocation portion of the draw only – missing their chance at the tags allocated to groups meeting the Hunter:Tag Ratio in the Large Group Allocation step of the draw.

All hunters in group applications will have at least the same chance to receive a tag that they would have if they applied individually.

Do individual hunters have a chance for a tag?

Big game in Ontario has traditionally been hunted by groups of hunters for social, cultural and practical reasons. Ontario's moose tag allocation system is designed to allow this traditional harvest method to continue, and permit the greatest number of hunters to benefit.

While it makes sense to apply as part of a group if you hunt in a party, individuals may also apply for a tag. Individual hunters are eligible for a tag in the Random Allocation step of the draw.

Hunting parties who apply as individuals and receive more tags than the party wants are not permitted to return tags.

What should I know about bow hunting for moose?

Hunters who wish to hunt adult moose during the archery-only season must have an adult validation tag issued for the archery-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a tag. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, hunters who wish to hunt calf moose during the archery-only season must have a calf validation tag issued for the archery-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a tag. All tags issued for the archery-only season; become invalid at the end of the archery season.

Hunters without an adult validation tag may hunt for calves with a bow during the archery-only season provided they comply with all other legal requirements for bow hunting. The exceptions to this are WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 where a calf validation tag is required (see page 24), and WMU 65 (see page 36).

If you have not harvested an adult moose during the archery-only season, you may still hunt for a calf (except in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57) using any legally allowed firearm during the regular gun hunt.

Can I party hunt for moose?

Party hunting for moose is allowed.

NOTE: Changes to the definition of party hunting take effect in 2004 – please see page 37 for more information.

Understanding the Moose Validation Tag Draw

It is to each hunter's advantage to understand how moose tags are allocated.

Though the process is often referred to as a draw, there are actually many draws performed in the allocation of tags.

In most WMUs you must be in Pool 1 to have a chance of receiving a tag.

During the initial group allocation stages, it is only Pool 1 hunters who are counted when determining a group's size.

There are three steps in each draw:

- the Guaranteed Group Allocation;
- the Large Group Allocation; and,
- the Random Allocation.

All steps are performed by computer. The computer allocates tags to both groups and individuals in the following sequence:

- Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1)
- Pool 1, Choice 2 (P1C2)
- Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1)
- Pool 2, Choice 2 (P2C2)

Step One: Guaranteed Group Allocation

In Step One, each group meeting the Guaranteed Group Size requirement (valid applications from a group with enough Pool 1 hunters to meet or exceed the Pool 1, Choice 1 Guaranteed Group Size) and who makes this their first choice, is allocated one tag for the unit, type of moose (bull, cow, calf) and type of firearm selected by the group. The tag is randomly assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. All the members of these "guaranteed groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Two: Large Group Allocation

Next, the Large Group Allocation of tags is performed.

At this step, the computer calculates the number of applicants left in the draw and compares it to the number of tags still available. The ratio is called the Hunter:Tag Ratio. Each group whose number of Pool 1 applicants is equal to or greater than the Hunter:Tag Ratio is issued one tag and removed from the draw. The tag is randomly assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. (Example: If at the Large Group Allocation stage there are 600 hunters left, and 104 tags available, the Hunter:Tag Ratio is 5.7. All groups with six or more Pool 1 hunters will be issued a tag.) All members of these successful "large groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Three: Random Allocation

Next, the draw proceeds to the Random Allocation.

At this step, all remaining Pool 1 applicants (all individuals and every member of the remaining groups) who have this WMU and type of moose (bull, cow, calf) as their first choice, are eligible to receive one of the remaining tags in a random draw. If a tag is allocated to a member of a group at this stage, the rest of the group members are removed from the draw.

This way of issuing tags makes sure that everyone gets a chance in the draw regardless of whether they applied as an individual or a group.

If there are still tags available, the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation are repeated for Pool 1, Choice 2 hunters, then Pool 2, Choice 1 and Pool 2, Choice 2.

In most WMUs, only hunters in Pool 1, Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a tag. The Guaranteed Group Allocation is performed only for Pool 1, Choice 1 applicants.



How to Maximize Your Chances of Success in the Moose Tag Draw

Review the open season dates table, the moose quota table, and if you are hunting in a group, the guaranteed group size table. Using this information, determine your first and second choices of WMU, type of animal (bull, cow, or in the case of WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57, bull, cow or calf) and firearm type. If hunting in a group, contact all group members and decide whether you will all apply by telephone, or if you will all apply by paper application. (All group members must use the same method.) Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

Your Telephone Application

The telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, in one call. Do not use the telephone application system if you have already purchased a paper moose licence.

Note: You must use a Touch-Tone telephone when applying. Cellular, cordless and radio telephones are not recommended with this system.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- with a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at **1-800-288-1155**; or,
- by connecting to the Internet renewal site at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the moose draw.

For more information on renewal options, see page 9.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or go on the Internet at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca> and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your licence (and tag if you are successful in the draw).

To purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, you will need your Outdoors Card number and a VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. If you are a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant you must identify your 2004 Hunt Code from the table found on pages 34 and 35 of this *Summary* and in the Telephone Application System brochure mailed to moose hunters in April. If you are a Group Member, you will need the Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader. Completing the appropriate worksheet before you call is strongly recommended. (Worksheets are found on page 32 of this *Summary* and in the Telephone Application System brochure.) The charge to your credit card will be \$41.00.

If you are applying as a member of a group, decide with your group **before you call** who will be the Group Leader and who will be the Group Members. Then, ensure that all Group Members are told the Group Reference Number (which is provided to the Group Leader) so they can successfully complete their call.

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- the telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. on the day of the deadline for applications;
- do not leave your call until the day of the deadline! The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try;
- telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends; and,
- on weekdays, our telephone lines are generally less busy early in the day and late in the day.

The deadline for applying to the moose draw by telephone is **11:55 p.m., (EDT) Monday, May 31, 2004.**

Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Your Paper Application

You must be in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to purchase a moose licence, and you must have a moose licence in order to apply to the draw with a paper application. If your Outdoors Card has expired, renewing it is the first step in this process. To review your renewal options, see page 9.

A paper application for the moose draw comes attached to the moose licence. Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for the moose draw is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid WMU and check off a valid type of moose (bull, cow or – for WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 only – bull, cow or calf). If you do not select a WMU and a type of moose, your application will be rejected. If there is an archery season in your WMU as well as a gun season, and you wish to apply for the archery hunt, select the box labeled “Special Bow Season Preference.”

You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

If you are applying for a guaranteed group size tag, be aware of the pool status of each applicant in your group. Only Pool 1 hunters are counted toward the guaranteed group size. Including Pool 2 applicants in your group won't hurt your chances, but it won't help them either.

If you are applying in a group, keep a record of your Group Application Number (found on the outside of the Group Application Envelope provided by the MNR). This number must appear on the application of each person in the group.

The group leader should complete the outside of the Group Application Envelope before mailing. **The information you write on the envelope overrides any information contained on the paper applications inside the envelope.**

Ten is the maximum group size for a draw application. Do not include more than 10 applications in the Group Application Envelope. If you are applying for an archery tag remember to check the appropriate box on the outside of the Group Application Envelope.

Submit your paper draw application well before the **5:00 p.m., Monday, May 31, 2004**, deadline. Remember that the deadline is the date and time by which your application has to be in MNR hands. **This deadline is NOT a "post-marked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All applications not received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 31, 2004, will be rejected from the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

You will be disqualified from this year's draw if:

- more than one application is submitted in your name;
- your Outdoors Card is not valid;
- the application is not complete;
- the writing is not legible;
- the application is received late; or,
- your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a valid application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about applying to the moose draw, contact an MNR office (see pages 95 and 96).

Draw results telephone line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Telephone Line at 1-800-288-1155 to determine the results of the Moose Validation Tag Draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 1 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Using the Draw Results Telephone Line is the quickest, easiest way to find out if you were successful in the draw.

The mailing of tags

Only successful draw applicants, and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their moose licence, will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the draw but have not received your validation tag by September 1, (or if you purchased your licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence), contact the MNR office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate validation tag or licence and validation tag through your ministry office only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

Everything you wanted to know about tag transfers

- Hunters who apply to the draw as individuals are never permitted to transfer tags to other hunters.
- Groups are permitted one transfer only. The transfer is granted only to the alternate tag transfer recipient in your group who was randomly selected by the computer during the draw. Once the original tag recipient transfers the tag to the alternate, the tag cannot be transferred back to the original recipient or to anyone else.
- The transfer of a tag from the original recipient to the designated alternate is granted by an MNR office provided a valid transfer application is submitted, the original tag is returned to the MNR at the time of the request, and the moose season has not yet opened. The fee for transferring a tag is \$10.00.
- To determine who the designated alternate tag transfer recipient is for your group, look at the lower half of your validation tag. Inside the brackets ({ }) it will show the moose licence number of another Pool 1 member in your group. This moose licence number belongs to your group's designated alternate tag transfer recipient selected randomly by the computer.
- Tags can be transferred to a Pool 2 hunter only if the tag is for a WMU where a Pool 2 hunter actually had a chance to receive a tag in the draw.
- After the season opens, a tag can only be transferred if the current tag holder is medically unfit to participate in the hunt, as proven by a doctor's certificate.
- Hunters who receive tags through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 the following year. Most hunters who have transferred tags to another group member will be placed in Pool 1 in the following year's draw. However, beginning in the fall of 2001, hunters who have transferred tags in two consecutive seasons will be placed in Pool 2 for the following year's draw. This means that if a hunter transferred a tag last year (2003), and if successful this year (2004) wants to transfer again, he/she will be placed in Pool 2 for the 2005 draw. This change was made as a result of an increasing number of hunters repeatedly transferring tags. As before, the recipient will be placed in Pool 2.

2004 Telephone Application System for the Moose Validation Tag Draw

INSTRUCTION SHEET

What type of applicant are you?

To use the telephone application system, applicants must decide how they will be applying to the draw prior to calling. When applying for a tag as a group, all hunters in the group must purchase their moose licence and apply to the draw using the same method – either everyone applies by telephone or everyone applies by paper.

The telephone application system recognizes three types of applicants:

- Group Leader
- Group Member
- Individual

If you hunt in a party it is to your advantage to apply as a group rather than as individuals. The maximum number of hunters that can apply to the draw as one group is ten (nine plus the leader). When applying as part of a group, hunters will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to calling.

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of a group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 34 and 35). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choices. The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

Group Member

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. Only your Group Leader can give you the Group Reference Number. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together for their application to the draw. Each Group Member will be given an Authorization Number.

Individual

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 34 and 35). Each individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number.

All applicants are encouraged to record the information they will need on the worksheet for the type of applicant they are, **before they call.**

GROUP LEADER

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2004 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 34 and 35.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is nine plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 26 and May 31, 2004**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 3 At the prompt, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: /
MM YY

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with a 7-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal (plus validation tag if you are successful in the draw) when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

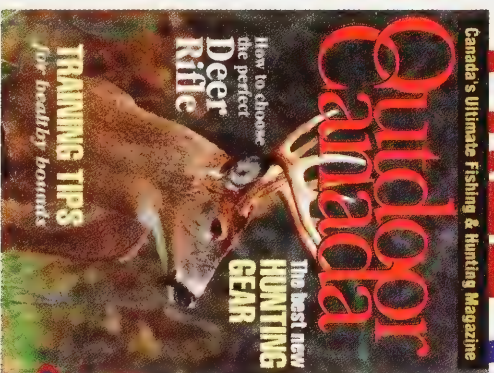
Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Addresses may also be updated online at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your 7-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application. Keep this worksheet for your files.

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GROUP MEMBER

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, then you are considered to be the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number, and credit card number and expiry date.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between April 26 and May 31, 2004.

This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 7-digit Group Reference Number.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU, type of moose, and firearm choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: /
MM YY

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the Authorization Number in the space provided below.

Authorization number:

STEP 9 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal (plus validation tag if you are successful in the draw) when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status and the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself). This number may include both Pool 1 and Pool 2 applicants.

Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Addresses may also be updated online at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2004 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 34 and 35.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between April 26 and May 31, 2004.

This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), May 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 4 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:

STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: /
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STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with your Authorization Number. Record this number in the space provided below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal (plus validation tag if you are successful in the draw) when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status:

If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Addresses may also be updated online at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

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2004 MOOSE DRAW HUNT CODES

Select the Hunt Code for your WMU, Type

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
01A	Bull	Gun	.500	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	13	Bull	Gun	.557	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
01A	Cow	Gun	.501	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	13	Cow	Gun	.558	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
01C	Bull	Gun	.502	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	13	Bull	Archery	.559	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
01C	Cow	Gun	.503	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	13	Cow	Archery	.560	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
01D	Bull	Gun	.504	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	14	Bull	Gun	.561	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
01D	Cow	Gun	.505	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	14	Cow	Gun	.562	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Gun	.506	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	14	Bull	Archery	.563	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
02	Cow	Gun	.507	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	14	Cow	Archery	.564	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
02	Bull	Archery	.508	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	15A	Bull	Gun	.565	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
03	Bull	Gun	.509	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	15A	Cow	Gun	.566	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
03	Cow	Gun	.510	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	15A	Bull	Archery	.567	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
03	Bull	Archery	.511	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	15A	Cow	Archery	.568	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
03	Cow	Archery	.512	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	15B	Bull	Gun	.569	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
04	Bull	Gun	.513	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	15B	Cow	Gun	.570	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
04	Cow	Gun	.514	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	15B	Bull	Archery	.571	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
04	Bull	Archery	.515	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	15B	Cow	Archery	.572	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
04	Cow	Archery	.516	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	16A	Bull	Gun	.573	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Gun	.517	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	16A	Cow	Gun	.574	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Gun	.518	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	16B	Bull	Gun	.575	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Archery	.519	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	16B	Cow	Gun	.576	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Archery	.520	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	16C	Bull	Gun	.577	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Gun	.521	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	16C	Cow	Gun	.578	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
06	Cow	Gun	.522	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	17	Bull	Gun	.579	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Archery	.523	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	17	Cow	Gun	.580	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
06	Cow	Archery	.524	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	18A	Bull	Gun	.581	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
07A	Bull	Archery & Muzzle-loader	.525	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	18A	Cow	Gun	.582	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
07A	Cow	Archery & Muzzle-loader	.526	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	18A	Bull	Archery	.583	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
07B	Bull	Gun	.527	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	18A	Cow	Archery	.584	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
07B	Cow	Gun	.528	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	18B	Bull	Gun	.585	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Archery	.529	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	18B	Cow	Gun	.586	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
07B	Cow	Archery	.530	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	18B	Bull	Archery & Muzzle-loader	.587	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
08	Bull	Gun	.531	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	18B	Cow	Archery	.588	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
08	Cow	Gun	.532	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	19	Bull	Gun	.589	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
08	Bull	Archery	.533	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	19	Cow	Gun	.590	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
08	Cow	Archery	.534	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	19	Bull	Archery	.591	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
09A	Bull	Gun	.535	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	19	Cow	Archery	.592	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
09A	Cow	Gun	.536	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	21A	Bull	Gun	.593	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
09A	Bull	Archery	.537	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	21A	Cow	Gun	.594	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
09A	Cow	Archery	.538	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	21A	Bull	Archery	.595	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
09B	Bull	Gun	.539	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	21A	Cow	Archery	.596	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
09B	Cow	Gun	.540	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	21B	Bull	Gun	.597	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
09B	Bull	Archery	.541	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	21B	Cow	Gun	.598	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15
09B	Cow	Archery	.542	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	21B	Bull	Archery	.599	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
11A	Bull	Gun	.543	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	21B	Cow	Archery	.600	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
11A	Cow	Gun	.544	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	22	Bull	Gun	.601	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
11A	Bull	Archery	.545	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	22	Cow	Gun	.602	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
11A	Cow	Archery	.546	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	22	Bull	Archery	.603	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
11B	Bull	Gun	.547	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15[*]	22	Cow	Archery	.604	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
11B	Cow	Gun	.548	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15[*]	23	Bull	Gun	.605	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
12A	Bull	Gun	.549	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	23	Cow	Gun	.606	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
12A	Cow	Gun	.550	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	23	Bull	Archery	.607	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
12A	Bull	Archery	.551	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	23	Cow	Archery	.608	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
12A	Cow	Archery	.552	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	24	Bull	Gun	.609	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
12B	Bull	Gun	.553	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	24	Cow	Gun	.610	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15
12B	Cow	Gun	.554	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	24	Bull	Archery	.611	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
12B	Bull	Archery	.555	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	24	Cow	Archery	.612	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8
12B	Cow	Archery	.556	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	25	Bull	Gun	.613	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
					25	Cow	Gun	.614	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15
					26	Bull	Gun	.615	Sept. 18 to Oct. 31
					26	Cow	Gun	.616	Sept. 18 to Oct. 31

FOR HUNTERS APPLYING BY TELEPHONE

and Firearm from the table below

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
27	Bull	Gun	.617	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	46	Bull	Gun	.679	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
27	Cow	Gun	.618	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	46	Cow	Gun	.680	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
27	Bull	Archery	.619	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	47	Bull	Gun	.681	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
27	Cow	Archery	.620	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	47	Cow	Gun	.682	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
28	Bull	Gun	.621	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	48	Bull	Gun	.683	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
28	Cow	Gun	.622	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	48	Cow	Gun	.684	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
28	Bull	Archery	.623	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	48	Calf	Gun	.685	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
28	Cow	Archery	.624	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	48	Bull	Archery	.686	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
29	Bull	Gun	.625	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	48	Cow	Archery	.687	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
29	Cow	Gun	.626	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	48	Calf	Archery	.688	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
29	Bull	Archery	.627	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	49	Bull	Gun	.689	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
29	Cow	Archery	.628	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	49	Cow	Gun	.690	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
30	Bull	Gun	.629	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	50	Bull	Gun	.691	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
30	Cow	Gun	.630	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	50	Cow	Gun	.692	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
30	Bull	Archery	.631	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	53	Bull	Gun	.693	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
30	Cow	Archery	.632	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	53	Cow	Gun	.694	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
31	Bull	Gun	.633	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	54	Bull	Gun	.695	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
31	Cow	Gun	.634	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	54	Cow	Gun	.696	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
31	Bull	Archery	.635	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	55A	Bull	Gun	.697	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
31	Cow	Archery	.636	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	55A	Cow	Gun	.698	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
32	Bull	Gun	.637	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	55A	Calf	Gun	.699	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
32	Cow	Gun	.638	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	55A	Bull	Archery	.700	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
32	Bull	Archery	.639	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	55A	Calf	Archery	.701	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
32	Cow	Archery	.640	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	55B	Cow	Gun	.702	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
33	Bull	Gun	.641	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	55B	Bull	Archery	.703	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
33	Cow	Gun	.642	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	56	Bull	Gun	.704	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
33	Bull	Archery	.643	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	56	Cow	Gun	.705	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
33	Cow	Archery	.644	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	57	Bull	Gun	.706	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
34	Bull	Gun	.645	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	57	Cow	Gun	.707	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
34	Cow	Gun	.646	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	57	Calf	Gun	.708	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
35	Bull	Gun	.647	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	57	Bull	Archery	.709	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
35	Cow	Gun	.648	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	57	Calf	Archery	.710	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9
35	Bull	Archery	.649	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	60A	Bull	Gun	.711	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
35	Cow	Archery	.650	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	60A	Cow	Gun	.712	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
36	Bull	Gun	.651	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	61	Bull	Gun	.713	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
36	Cow	Gun	.652	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	61	Cow	Gun	.714	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
36	Bull	Archery	.653	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	62	Bull	Gun	.715	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
36	Cow	Archery	.654	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	63	Bull	Gun	.716	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
37	Bull	Gun	.655	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	63	Cow	Gun	.717	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23
37	Cow	Gun	.656	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	65	Bull	Archery	.718	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*]**
37	Bull	Archery	.657	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	65	Cow	Archery	.719	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*]**
37	Cow	Archery	.658	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
38	Bull	Gun	.659	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
38	Cow	Gun	.660	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
38	Bull	Archery	.661	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
38	Cow	Archery	.662	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
39	Bull	Gun	.663	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
39	Cow	Gun	.664	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
39	Bull	Archery	.665	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
39	Cow	Archery	.666	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
40	Bull	Gun	.667	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
40	Cow	Gun	.668	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
40	Bull	Archery	.669	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
40	Cow	Archery	.670	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
41	Bull	Gun	.671	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
41	Cow	Gun	.672	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
41	Bull	Archery	.673	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
41	Cow	Archery	.674	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
42	Bull	Gun	.675	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
42	Cow	Gun	.676	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15					
42	Bull	Archery	.677	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					
42	Cow	Archery	.678	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8					

[*] Please refer to page 36 for information about an early season for hunters with lower limb disability
 [**] Only individual applications accepted

Firearm

Gun = Rifles, Shotguns, Archery, & Muzzle-loaders

Archery = Archery only, including Crossbows

Archery & Muzzle-loaders = Archery, including Crossbows & Muzzle-loaders

Special Opportunities for Moose Hunters With Lower Limb Disabilities

Hunters who qualify for these special seasons include:

- a paraplegic or hemiplegic;
- a person with a single (above the knee) lower limb amputation, or a double (below the waist) amputation;
- a person who suffers severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating the disability.

Northwestern Ontario

A special moose season for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held before the regular gun hunt in WMU 11B. A limited number of opportunities are available in 2004. Those hunters wishing to hunt for an adult moose in this WMU during this special season must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag.

The first openings in the hunt will go to hunters who qualify and hold an adult moose validation tag for WMU 11B. Remaining opportunities will be available to hunters who qualify and who are interested in hunting calves.

For more information regarding this hunt, please contact the MNR Thunder Bay District Office, 435 James Street South, Suite B001, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 6S8, telephone: (807) 475-1462.

Southeastern Ontario

A special archery-only moose hunt for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held October 5-7, 2004, in WMU 65. The number of opportunities available is limited.

Hunters wishing to participate in this special hunt must apply to the regular draw and receive a validation tag in WMU 65. Mobility impaired moose hunters will be able to participate in the early mobility impaired season (October 5-7) as well as the regular archery hunt which follows (October 8-14).

For more information, please see "Special Conditions for WMU 65 Moose Hunters" on page 40. If you have questions, please contact the MNR Kemptonville District Office, at Postal Bag 2002, Concession Road, Kemptonville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, or telephone (613) 258-8204.

Information for Non-Residents Wishing to Hunt Moose

A non-resident who wishes to hunt moose in Ontario must have valid hunting accreditation and be a registered guest and actually accommodated at a tourist establishment. The outfitter must apply for and receive, on the non-resident's behalf, a validation tag to hunt moose (see exceptions below).

A non-resident's licence to hunt moose is only valid if it has a bull, cow or calf validation tag affixed to it. The non-resident can only hunt moose of the age and sex specified on the validation tag.

A non-resident may hunt in a party for moose when hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is specified on the validation tag and that has a non-resident season. The party hunting must be carried out in accordance with the definition of party hunting. Changes to this definition take effect in 2004 – please see page 37 for more information.

Please note that WMUs 46-63 and 65 do not have a moose season for non-residents.

Exceptions to requirement to hunt through an outfitter:

- Non-residents may hunt with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. Immediate relative when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse (or same-sex partner), child, sibling or grandchild. If you qualify under this exception, you may apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag. You must purchase a moose licence and submit your application, along with your affidavit verifying your relationship to your immediate relative, to the MNR office that has responsibility for the WMU in which you wish to hunt (see MNR offices and WMU listings, pages 95 and 96). Please note that the moose draw deadline is May 31, 2004.
- Non-residents who are owners of land in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents and wish to hunt in that unit, may apply for a calf validation tag from the MNR office responsible for the WMU. (Non-resident landowners are not eligible to apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag.) Non-residents who qualify under this exception and wish to apply for a calf validation tag must purchase a moose licence and prior to the hunt, submit their application along with proof of property ownership to the District MNR office responsible for the WMU.
- **Please note:** Non-resident moose hunters may hunt moose in WMUs 7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13 and 14 only by hunting through a tourist outfitter or by hunting with an immediate relative (as defined above), who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose. Non-resident landowners are not eligible to moose hunt in these units.

Party Hunting for Moose

PLEASE NOTE: Changes have been made to the definition of party hunting for the 2004 hunting season.

The term “party hunting for moose” now means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose **under all of the following conditions:**

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt moose.
- The total number of moose killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt moose.
- The total number of moose of a specified sex or age killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals validated for that sex or age that are held by members of the party.
- **All members of the party hunt together in the same wildlife management unit or portion thereof as the person who holds the seal that is valid for the moose being hunted.**
- **Each member of the party hunts within 5 kilometers of the person who holds the seal that is valid for the moose being hunted.**
- **Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.**

The person who kills the moose while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the moose has been killed.

A person may hunt in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her seal to a moose.

Sealing Moose

As part of the Selective Harvest Program, validation tags are issued for a specific age and sex of moose. You must have evidence of the sex of any adult moose that you kill.

To provide evidence of the sex of a moose: Cut to one side of the scrotal sac or vulva when opening the animal for gutting – as shown with the dotted line in illustrations (a) and (b). Leave the scrotal sac or vulva attached by connective tissue.

Sealing a bull or cow moose: Attach the seal to the tendon of the hind leg – illustration (c) – to which the scrotal sac or vulva is attached.

Note the location of the tendon in illustration (b). To prevent the loss or the damage of the seal (torn off) it could be protected by making a slice in the hide, tucking the seal under the skin and wrapping with tape.

Sealing a calf: Attach the seal to the lower jaw – illustration (d). For calves taken in most Wildlife Management Units the lower jaw may be removed from the head as long as it is kept whole (i.e., the two sides of the jaw must not be separated). In

Sealing and Transporting Moose

The moose validation tag, in the case of resident hunters, must be affixed to the recipient’s game seal before hunting begins. In the case of non-resident hunters, they must affix their validation tag to their moose hunting licence.

If hunting moose alone:

When a moose has been killed, the licence holder who shot the moose must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal** to the animal in the manner described on the seal.

You must notch out the month, date and time of kill on the game seal.

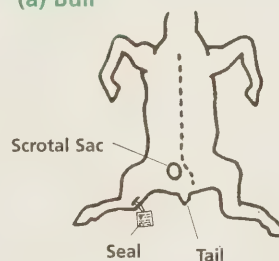
If party hunting for moose:

When a moose has been killed, the shooter or a member who is hunting in the party, whose licence has been validated for the type of moose (bull, cow, or in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, bull, cow, or calf) that was killed, must immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal.

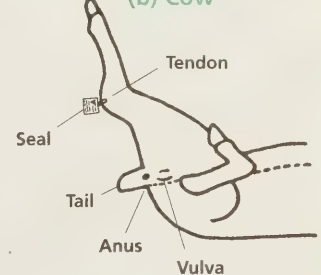
CADMIUM

The Ministry of Natural Resources recommends that people not eat the liver and kidneys of moose and deer because of the concerns about cadmium levels in these internal organs. For further information, please contact an MNR office.

(a) Bull



(b) Cow



(c) Bull or Cow



(d) Calf



Wildlife Management Units 48, 55A, 55B and 57 hunters will be asked to keep the carcass intact (i.e., do not remove the jaw or head from the carcass) until the calf has been registered at an authorized check station.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the moose. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a moose.

For a bull or cow moose: attach the game seal to the tendon of one of the hind legs to which the scrotal sac or vulva (as shown on the seal) is attached by the connective tissue. The game seal and proof of sex must remain attached to the animal while it is being transported. See page 37 for a diagram of where to attach the game seal.

For a calf moose: attach the game seal to the complete lower jaw. The game seal and jaw must accompany the animal while it is being transported. For calves taken in most Wildlife Management Units the lower jaw may be removed from the head as long as it is kept whole (i.e., the two sides of the jaw must not be separated). In Wildlife Management Units 48, 55A, 55B and 57 hunters are asked to keep the carcass intact (i.e., do not remove the jaw or head from the carcass) until the calf has been registered at an authorized check station. See page 37 for a diagram of where to attach the game seal.

If you are transporting part of a moose, you must know, and be prepared to state:

- the name of the hunter who sealed the animal;
 - the hunting licence and validation tag number under which the animal was claimed; and,
 - the WMU in which it was taken;
- if requested to do so by a Conservation Officer.

More on Moose

For more important information and regulations on moose hunting, see these pages:

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If you have questions about moose hunting in Ontario, call the Ministry of Natural Resources. A complete list of Ministry offices and phone numbers can be found on pages 95-96.

Moose Hunter Education

MNR, in partnership with Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has produced two manuals: *Book 1 – Moose Biology, Ecology and Management*, and *Book 2 – Moose Hunting Techniques, Hunting Ethics and the Law*.

This two volume set is available from the OFAH for \$12.65 (GST and shipping included). To order please call (705) 748-6324 for details.

A 90-minute video on moose hunting has been produced for moose hunters. *Moose Hunt – A Guide To Success* covers such topics as equipment, tracking, calling, and field dressing. It may be purchased from the OFAH for \$59.99 (taxes and shipping included). To order using a credit card, please call the OFAH at (705) 748-6324 or send a cheque payable to: **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters**
P.O. Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5

ONTARIO MOOSE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE ON CD-ROM

An Ontario Moose Identification Guide for Hunters is available on CD-ROM. This CD is a self-teaching presentation for use on personal computers. The Guide includes descriptions of the features used to identify the different ages and sexes of moose, as well as distinguish them from Ontario's other big game. The Guide is followed by an interactive quiz to test the user's knowledge of moose identification and reinforce messages about safe and lawful hunting. The CD will help both novice and experienced hunters and is available at selected Government Information Centres and MNR District Offices for \$5 (including taxes). Contact your local MNR office for more information and nearest location where you can purchase the CD. All proceeds will be used to support Fish and Wildlife Management in Ontario.

HELP THE MINISTRY COLLECT AGE INFORMATION ON MOOSE

Moose hunters in selected areas of the province are encouraged to provide information on the age of their moose at checkstations, some MNR offices and some hide depots in the area of their hunt. Please contact the MNR office in the area you will be hunting to determine if the lower jaw is required, and where and when collection centres are operating.

2004 Moose Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25	Sept. 18 to Dec. 15	Sept. 20 to Nov. 15	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B*, 8, 9A, 9B*, 11A*, 11B*, 12A, 12B*, 13*, 14*, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	* Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide (part 7B and part 12B).
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	
26	Sept. 18 to Oct. 31	Sept. 20 to Oct. 31	
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23	No season	
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 18 to Oct. 23	No season	See new moose calf hunting regulations and new reporting requirements on page 24.
11B	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see definition of lower limb disability on page 36). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt adult moose.

Archery and Muzzle-loaders Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
7A**	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	Only archery or flint-lock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns may be used.
18B**	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Only archery or flint-lock or percussion cap muzzle-loading guns may be used.

** Note: To apply for the above archery and muzzle-loader seasons in WMU 7A and 18B, check off the Special Bow Season Preference.

Archery Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Only archery may be used.
7B+, 9B+, 11A+, 12B+, 13, 14	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Only archery may be used. Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide (part 7B and part 12B).
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 4 to Oct. 9	No season	See new moose calf hunting regulations and new reporting requirements on page 24.

2004 Moose Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers*

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
65	Oct. 5 to Oct. 7	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see definition of lower limb disability on page 36). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt moose. Only archery may be used. Written landowner permission required.
65	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14	No season	Only archery may be used. Written landowner permission required.

* All hunters must obtain a WMU 65 validation tag, or be the partner of a hunter who has obtained a WMU 65 validation tag, before they can hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65. Written landowner permission required.

Special Conditions for WMU 65 Moose Hunters

There are two seasons for hunting moose in WMU 65; both are for archery equipment only.

There is a three-day season (October 5-7) open to mobility impaired persons meeting the definition of disabled as set out in Section 93 of Ontario Regulation 665/98 (see page 36). Mobility impaired hunters holding a validation tag in WMU 65 may use their partner tag during the early mobility impaired season (October 5-7) to invite a partner to hunt with them.

This is followed by a seven-day season (October 8-14) open to all resident hunters who receive a validation tag.

Hunters wishing to hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65 must apply to the moose draw and be successful in the draw. Applicants successful in the draw will be eligible to receive a partner tag which allows the holder of the validation tag to invite another licensed moose hunter to hunt as a member of the party.

Hunters may hunt alone or in a party of two. Hunters must possess a validation tag (or hunt in a party of two as a partner with someone who has a validation tag) to hunt moose.

Tags will allow for hunting either an adult male or calf moose, or, an adult female or calf moose. The limit is one moose per validation tag.

Only the holder of the validation tag (authorizing the holder to hunt moose) may attach this seal to a harvested moose. Persons hunting under a partner tag may not seal a harvested moose while hunting in WMU 65.

No person shall use, or be accompanied by, a dog while hunting moose in WMU 65.

Moose hunters hunting on private land (other than their own land) will require the written permission of the landowner on the Landowner Consent form provided by MNR, and must carry that permission on their person when hunting. Please note that Agreement Forests such as Larose Forest are considered private land. Please contact these landowners for permission; some fees may apply.

Every person who receives a validation tag to hunt moose in WMU 65 must complete and return a survey card reporting on their hunting activity within 14 days of the close of the hunt. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in charges and/or disqualification from future hunts.

Ontario Hunters and Anglers

296,000 Ontario hunting and fishing Outdoors Cards expired on

December 31, 2003

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- by Internet <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>
- by telephone 1-800-288-1155
- at a ServiceOntario Kiosk
- by mail using the form in the renewal package mailed to you last fall



2003 Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total Tags Available	15,903
Total applicants entered in the draw	104,081
Total successful applicants (tags issued)	15,515
Total unsuccessful applicants	88,566
Total surplus tags	390

Tags available

Gun Bull	10,697
Gun Cow	3,632
Archery Bull	982
Archery Cow	592
Total	15,903

Group Statistics

Total number of hunter groups	11,041
(2 of more hunters)	
Average group size	4.12
Percentage of hunters applying in groups	44%
Total number of hunters in groups	45,586
Total number of successful groups	7,452
Total number of successful hunters in groups	31,206

Successful groups

Gun Bull	5,108
Gun Cow	1,645
Archery Bull	499
Archery Cow	200
Total tags issued to groups	7,452
Percentage of groups receiving tags	68%

Explanation of Tables (pages 42-45)

- Shows the guaranteed group size for all WMU/tag/season choices where the group size is 10 or fewer (the current group size maximum). Remember that only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining group size and guaranteed tags are issued only on the first choice.
- Shows the tag quotas for 2003 and the total valid applications for all pools and choices for each WMU and season.
- Shows the 2004 tag quotas for each WMU season and type choice.



Individual Statistics

Percentage of hunters applying as individuals ..	56%
Total number of hunters applying as individuals	58,495

Successful Individuals

Gun Bull	5,391
Gun Cow	1,830
Archery Bull	482
Archery Cow	360
Total tags issued to individuals	8,063
Percentage of individuals receiving tags	14%

Gun Guaranteed Group Size for 2004

Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2004						In 2003 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags					
WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS
1A	2	2		2+	2+	53	none	none		none	none
1C	2	2		2+	2+	54	4	none		4+	10
1D	2	2		2+	2+	55A	none	none	none	none	none
2	2	2		2+	2+	55B	no quota	none	no quota	no quota	no quota
3	3	4		2+	3+	56	none	none		none	none
4	3	4		3+	4+	57	none	none	none	none	none
5	3	4		3+	4+	60A	none	none		none	none
6	2	2		2+	2+	61	none	none		none	10
7B	2	3		2+	3+	62	10	no quota		6+	no quota
8	3	4		3+	3+	63	none	none		none	none
9A	4	3		3+	3+	Archery Guaranteed Group Size for 2004					
9B	4	3		3+	3+						
11A	6	5		3+	4+						
11B	4	5		4+	4+						
12A	5	7		4+	5+						
12B	5	6		4+	5+	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2004					
13	3	4		2+	3+	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS
14	4	3		3+	2+	2	2	no quota		2+	no quota
15A	5	4		4+	4+	3	3	2		2+	2+
15B	2	5		2+	4+	4	4	2		2+	2+
16A	2	2		2+	2+	5	3	5		3+	3+
16B	4	4		3+	3+	6	2	2		2+	2+
16C	2	2		2+	2+	7A	2	2		2+	2+
17	2	2		2+	2+	7B	2	2		2+	2+
18A	4	6		4+	4+	8	2	2		2+	2+
18B	3	3		3+	3+	9A	2	2		3+	2+
19	8	5		6+	5+	9B	2	2		2+	2+
21A	5	8		4+	6+	11A	2	2		2+	2+
21B	6	7		5+	6+	12A	2	2		2+	2+
22	6	7		6+	6+	12B	3	2		3+	2+
23	none	10		none	7+	13	3	2		3+	2+
24	9	7		6+	6+	14	2	2		2+	2+
25	3	2		2+	2+	15A	2	2		2+	2+
26	none	8		10	6+	15B	3	2		2+	2+
27	9	10		8+	8+	18A	2	2		2+	2+
28	9	10		8+	9+	18B	4	2		3+	2+
29	none	none		none	none	19	3	2		2+	2+
30	10	9		none	8+	21A	3	2		2+	2+
31	none	none		none	none	21B	5	2		4+	2+
32	10	6		7+	5+	23	4	2		4+	2+
33	9	none		8+	8+	24	2	2		2+	2+
34	8	none		7+	7+	29	8	2		9+	2+
35	none	none		none	none	38	none	2		10	2+
36	none	none		none	none	48	none	none	none	-	-
37	none	none		none	none	55A	none	no quota	none	-	-
38	none	none		none	none	55B	none	no quota	no quota	-	-
39	none	none		none	none	57	none	no quota	none	-	-
40	10	none		9+	8+	65	no groups	no groups		no groups	no groups
41	none	none		none	none						
42	none	none		none	none						
46	9	6		7+	7+						
47	none	none		none	none						
48	none	none	none	no quota	no quota						
49	none	none		none	10						
50	10	9		8+	6+						

2003 Moose Tag Draw Gun Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas		POOL 1 APPLICATIONS				POOL 2 APPLICATIONS			
	G-BULL	G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW	Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW
01A	22	23	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	3
01C	270	180	19	14	17	18	65	43	67	47
01D	5	5	1	0	0	1	4	1	2	2
2	108	41	73	54	101	58	99	35	105	59
3	300	100	593	294	414	371	457	145	241	268
4	255	85	551	272	391	368	341	98	198	204
5	375	110	1,001	399	594	653	500	164	306	332
6	197	59	280	102	148	177	205	69	110	127
7A	73	25	14	8	5	3	45	22	25	26
7B	181	48	252	99	143	163	198	71	130	130
8	320	110	641	285	441	490	446	175	250	323
9A	145	50	491	103	254	256	212	53	127	109
9B	65	20	209	41	124	115	115	21	70	46
11A	60	20	173	64	120	122	100	24	57	55
11B	108	42	347	142	214	220	192	54	114	125
12A	110	25	391	124	294	229	172	57	138	128
12B	275	85	1,038	385	640	657	464	147	278	254
13	1100	315	2,160	914	1,365	1,232	1,458	477	783	877
14	33	9	96	18	63	44	45	13	36	21
15A	320	110	1,163	384	651	666	478	147	272	267
15B	1,230	300	2,213	1,046	1,595	1,332	1,395	649	951	878
16A	91	32	24	8	22	15	101	38	48	69
16B	85	30	275	73	116	150	135	55	86	77
16C	280	120	122	88	123	97	198	87	123	133
17	141	78	107	44	66	65	106	55	65	80
18A	125	22	423	80	170	249	131	81	80	92
18B	39	25	87	69	70	71	48	23	34	30
19	128	35	751	149	368	480	269	68	123	187
21A	543	100	2,100	522	975	1,178	719	316	404	463
21B	465	115	2,290	659	1,172	1,580	751	335	469	552
22	120	82	616	416	434	534	231	112	136	185
23	37	24	405	156	205	322	113	60	65	87
24	154	72	1,057	374	606	785	348	169	196	303
25	70	71	155	47	71	116	85	74	66	81
26	30	20	283	145	192	219	102	31	43	78
27	110	30	853	239	373	633	221	73	100	168
28	355	145	2,798	1,516	1,776	2,119	957	403	479	676
29	83	30	1,390	397	697	1,086	403	111	206	301
30	110	90	1,196	696	824	998	410	153	238	313
31	105	38	1,266	381	608	937	353	121	199	232
32	100	32	936	144	334	564	281	64	126	182
33	40	5	298	46	139	177	90	24	60	50
34	20	5	128	81	111	97	46	24	28	38
35	61	27	1,035	308	510	776	290	82	150	206
36	27	8	705	172	279	530	182	42	90	116
37	25	7	507	111	166	359	164	48	82	97
38	100	50	1,500	539	835	1,192	445	139	246	327
39	81	30	1,249	341	597	908	312	111	153	243
40	265	121	2,192	1,683	1,711	1,815	751	350	428	547
41	142	61	3,258	1,046	1,549	2,477	839	254	411	581
42	95	39	2,004	627	916	1,408	592	155	241	429
46	48	17	435	104	163	301	171	63	68	107
47	100	52	1,844	690	804	1,385	452	166	202	318
49	159	58	1,661	533	741	1,227	491	153	184	365
50	220	60	1,787	360	869	942	476	227	283	330
53	50	15	676	190	309	450	175	66	99	121
54	350	49	1,180	464	670	741	463	213	225	323
55A	3	2	229	89	88	155	60	21	33	40
56	82	21	941	324	429	633	247	89	129	155
57	6	4	329	98	172	232	95	38	64	61
60A	39	23	879	332	464	591	343	120	160	212
61	40	20	416	301	323	308	168	73	92	113
62	10	0	58	0	35	0	50	0	25	0
63	11	5	245	118	135	142	88	45	64	60
65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	10,697	3,632	52,396	19,508	28,791	36,220	19,946	7,397	11,064	13,409

2003 Moose Tag Draw Archery Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas		POOL 1 APPLICATIONS				POOL 2 APPLICATIONS			
	A-BULL	A-COW	Choice 1 A-BULL	Choice 1 A-COW	Choice 2 A-BULL	Choice 2 A-COW	Choice 1 A-BULL	Choice 1 A-COW	Choice 2 A-BULL	Choice 2 A-COW
2	8	0	5	0	2	0	12	0	10	0
3	25	5	41	0	35	6	36	9	20	18
4	10	10	33	0	20	9	17	5	9	12
5	50	5	115	13	65	33	59	13	28	26
6	10	5	7	0	8	1	11	0	11	3
7B	8	2	10	0	7	1	17	0	8	6
8	30	5	41	0	26	12	42	6	23	16
9A	15	5	31	2	24	3	13	3	20	1
9B	15	5	25	1	15	7	24	1	7	8
11A	15	5	24	1	9	5	9	2	7	3
12A	25	10	36	4	27	13	24	8	11	7
12B	20	4	51	7	20	1	23	2	15	4
13	60	45	132	5	74	23	90	27	49	40
14	15	10	4	0	8	1	17	2	5	8
15A	50	10	98	6	50	39	42	16	37	12
15B	67	35	138	8	87	29	79	26	50	33
18A	118	43	46	6	42	9	101	24	41	51
18B	24	22	67	21	27	41	31	22	21	24
19	120	71	239	19	91	71	134	72	78	82
21A	75	47	167	24	129	60	98	49	76	62
21B	50	60	193	17	94	59	81	28	41	46
23	29	18	104	3	63	25	46	34	37	36
24	36	27	65	5	51	18	70	8	30	28
29	43	53	347	113	203	133	108	57	71	53
38	14	20	130	26	66	63	54	16	26	28
65	50	70	229	129	104	173	137	118	96	123
TOTAL	982	592	2,378	410	1,347	835	1,375	548	827	730

Moose Watch

**We are watching,
you should too!**

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(1-866-346-6673)

Confidential moose poaching toll-free Hotline 24 hours a day, (Sept. 15 - Dec. 15) or Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



2004 Moose Validation Tag Draw Quotas

WMU	Gun Tags Available for 2004			Gun Tags Available for 2004				
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	TOTAL	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
1A	22	23	45	47	93	50		143
1C	270	180	450	48	5	6	10	21
1D	5	5	10	49	139	62		201
2	105	26	131	50	220	60		280
3	300	100	400	53	50	20		70
4	255	85	340	54	350	49		399
5	435	135	570	55A	4	3	5	12
6	239	60	299	55B	0	2	0	2
7B	141	34	175	56	62	20		82
8	320	100	420	57	7	3	3	13
9A	160	50	210	60A	35	20		55
9B	65	20	85	61	53	21		74
11A	40	15	55	62	10	0		10
11B	115	35	150	63	14	5		19
12A	110	25	135	Totals	10,702	3,596	18	14,316
12B	275	85	360	Archery Tags Available for 2004				
13	1,095	315	1,410	WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
14	33	9	42	2	6	0		6
15A	320	110	430	3	25	5		30
15B	1,230	300	1,530	4	10	10		20
16A	91	32	123	5	50	5		55
16B	85	30	115	6	10	5		15
16C	280	120	400	7A	69	21		90
17	132	83	215	7B	10	2		12
18A	125	27	152	8	30	5		35
18B	34	25	59	9A	15	5		20
19	120	42	162	9B	20	5		25
21A	543	100	643	11A	10	5		15
21B	450	130	580	12A	25	10		35
22	125	69	194	12B	20	4		24
23	36	21	57	13	70	45		115
24	147	72	219	14	15	10		25
25	81	60	141	15A	50	10		60
26	30	20	50	15B	67	35		102
27	110	30	140	18A	118	43		161
28	405	172	577	18B	24	22		46
29	85	36	121	19	120	80		200
30	110	90	200	21A	75	47		122
31	124	42	166	21B	45	100		145
32	101	43	144	23	32	40		72
33	40	5	45	24	50	46		96
34	20	5	25	29	58	130		188
35	61	27	88	38	11	15		26
36	27	8	35	48	15	30	20	65
37	26	5	31	55A	10	0	10	20
38	100	50	150	55B	5	0	0	5
39	81	30	111	57	5	0	10	15
40	265	75	340	65	45	60		105
41	137	58	195	Totals	1,115	795	40	1,950
42	91	31	122					
46	63	25	88					

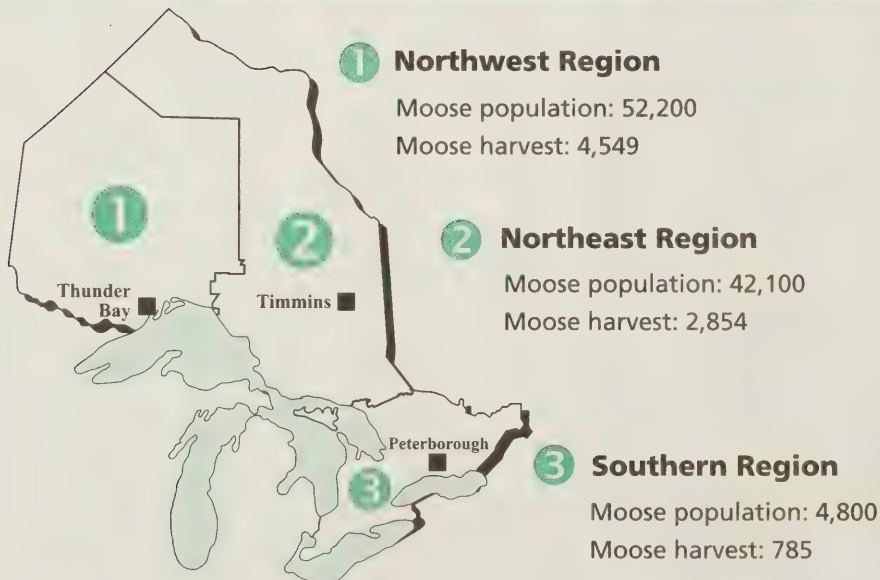
Moose Hunter Questionnaire Survey Results

Every year a sample of moose hunters is asked to return a hunter assessment survey. These surveys provide valuable information used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to manage moose populations. Your field experience is important to us – please tell us about it by completing and returning your survey as soon as your hunt is over.

Here are some of the things we learned from resident moose hunters in the 2002 survey:

- About 95,000 resident hunters hunted for moose.
- Almost 8,200 moose were harvested in total (4,319 bulls; 1,495 cows; 2,374 calves).

Ontario's current moose population in huntable areas is estimated to be about 99,000 moose. About 15,000 more moose live in remote and protected areas.



Wildlife managers rely on the valuable information you provide.
Thank you for your co-operation!

Tentative Moose Season Opening Dates for 2005 and 2006

Season	WMU(s)	2005 Start	2006 Start
Moose Rifle, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25, 26	Sept. 17	Sept. 16
Moose Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	7A	Oct. 8	Oct. 7
	18B	Sept. 17	Sept. 16
Moose Archery Seasons	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 17	Sept. 16
Moose Rifle, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 8	Oct. 7
Moose Rifle, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loader Seasons	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 17	Oct. 16
Moose Archery Seasons	48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 3	Oct. 2
Handicapped Moose Archery Season-Controlled	65	Oct. 5	Oct. 5
Moose Archery Season-Controlled	65	Oct. 8	Oct. 8

Woodland Caribou

Four members of the deer family live in Ontario: the white-tailed deer, the moose, the elk or wapiti, and the woodland caribou.

Depending on where you hunt in the province, you may see one or more of these species. The woodland caribou is the only member of the deer family in which both the male and the female may have antlers.

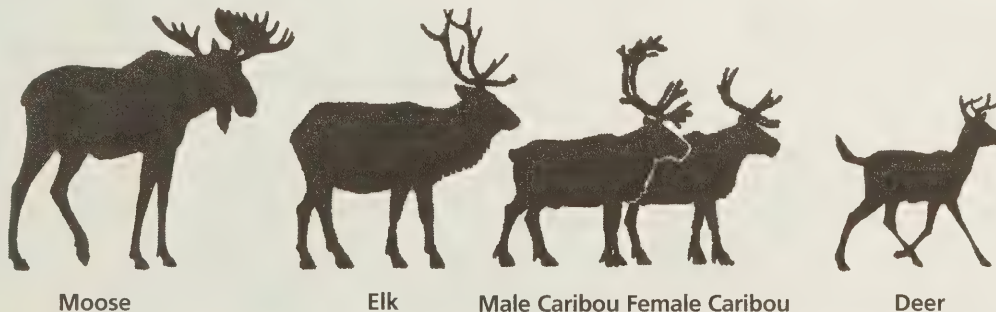
There is no hunting season for elk or woodland caribou in Ontario. The "forest-dwelling" woodland caribou, which inhabits the boreal forest regions of the province, also has been designated as "threatened" by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

Woodland caribou are an important component of northern Ontario's forest ecosystems. These animals once ranged across much of the northern part of Ontario, and as far south as the French River. However, for more than a century now the range of the woodland caribou has been receding northward and numbers of caribou have

been declining. This is due to a combination of factors including changes in the animal's habitat, an upset in the balance of the number of predators to prey, and an increase in human travel in the north.

About 5,000 forest-dwelling caribou roam Ontario's northern forest landscape from the Manitoba to Quebec borders. They are secretive and elusive animals, and a caribou sighting is a rare and memorable event.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is committed to conserving the woodland caribou and its habitat now and for the future across Ontario's northern regions. Hunters can help us to manage Ontario's woodland caribou population by reporting sightings to an MNR district office, and by being sure of their target when hunting. Sightings post cards and a brochure are available at MNR district offices across northwestern and northeastern Ontario.



species at risk - act today so they have tomorrow

MAP 1

WMU Boundaries

WMU boundaries are roads, lakes, rivers and other physical features wherever possible.

For many roads and rivers, only the portions that form WMU boundaries are shown on the map.

For detailed information on WMU boundaries and Wildlife Management Areas, contact an MNR office, see pages 95 and 96.

ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS SHOWN ON MAP 1 ARE IN THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR WATERFOWL"

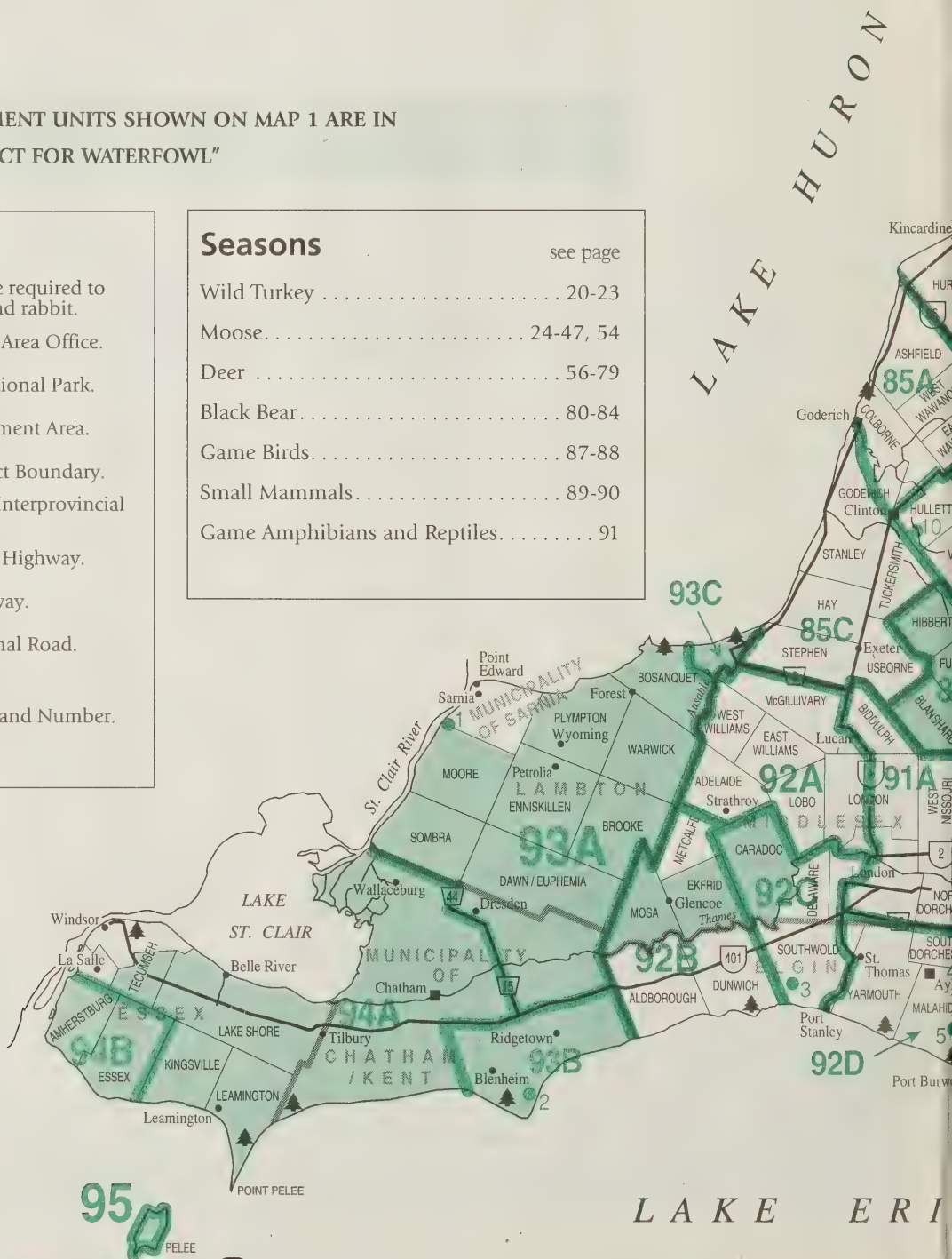
Legend

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| | MNR District or Area Office. |
| | Provincial or National Park. |
| | Wildlife Management Area. |
| | County or District Boundary. |
| | International or Interprovincial Boundary. |
| | Major Provincial Highway. |
| | Secondary Highway. |
| | County or Regional Road. |
| | WMU Boundary and Number. |

Seasons

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Wild Turkey	20-23
Moose.	24-47, 54
Deer	56-79
Black Bear.	80-84
Game Birds.	87-88
Small Mammals.	89-90
Game Amphibians and Reptiles.	91

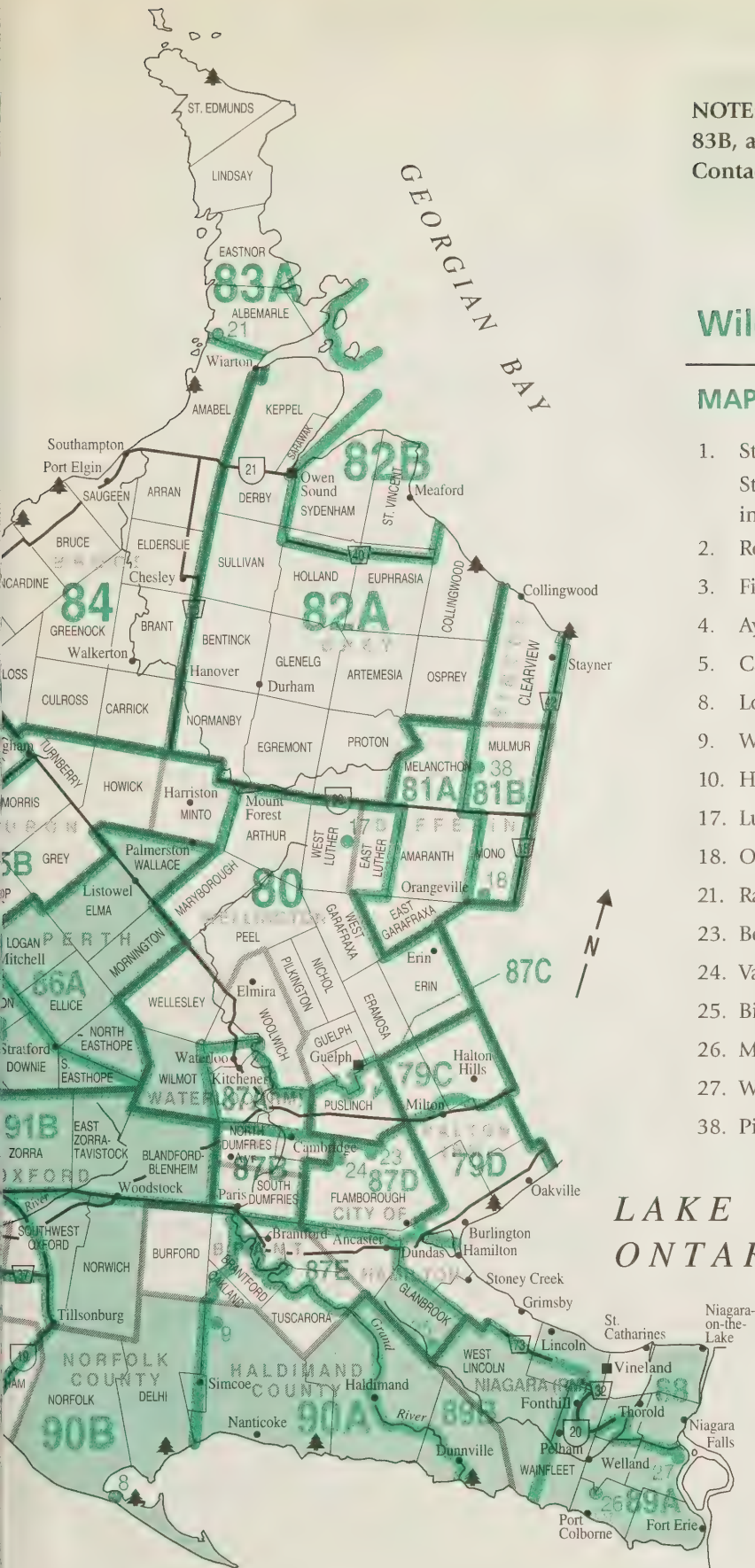


NOTE: In 2002 the boundaries for WMUs 82A, 83B, and 84 changed as indicated on this map. Contact the Owen Sound Office for details.

Wildlife Management Areas

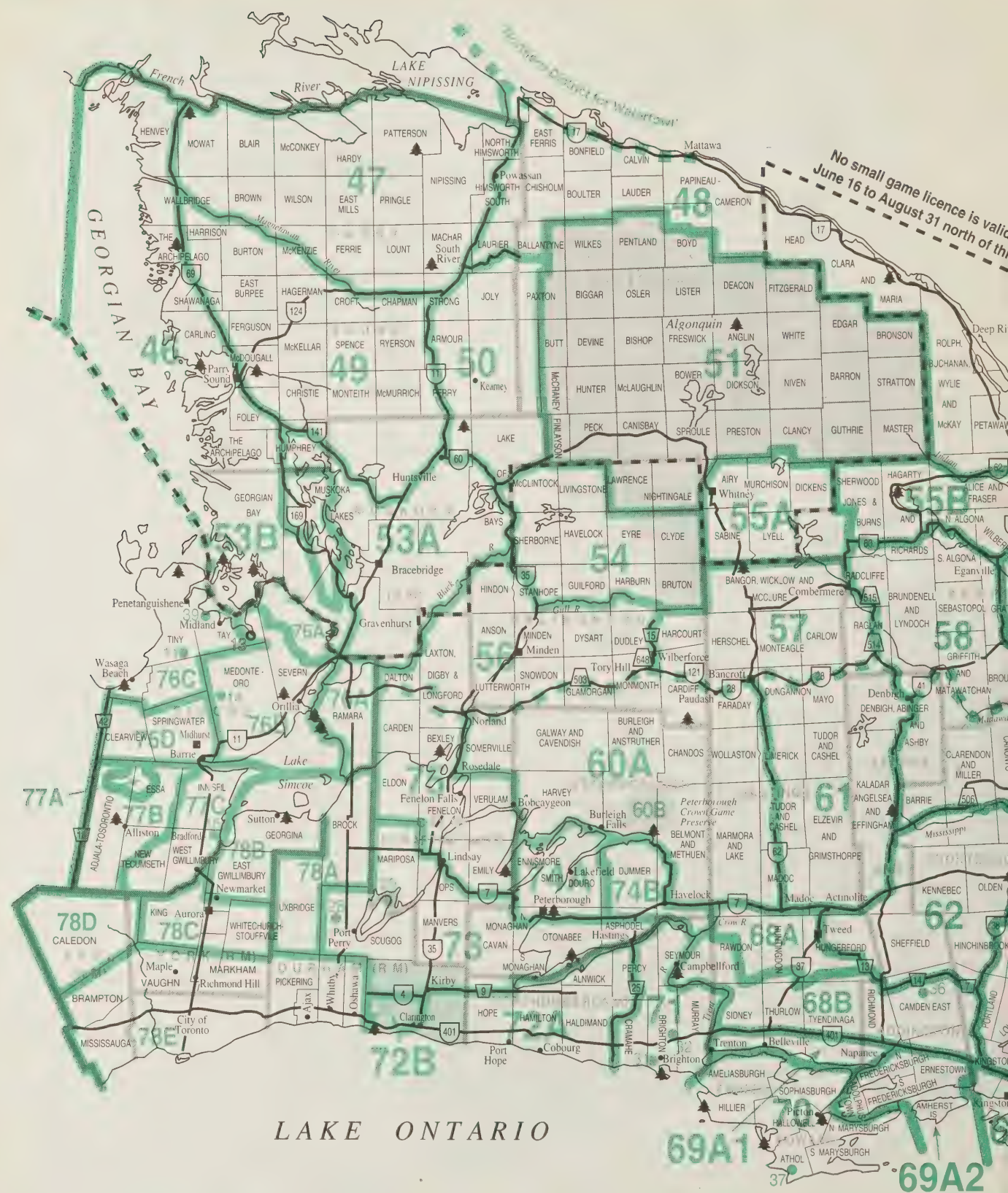
MAP 1

1. Stag Island (WMU 93)
Stag Island Management Area recently reduced in size. Contact the Aylmer office for details.
2. Rondeau (Provincial Park) (WMU 93)
3. Fingal (WMU 92)
4. Aylmer (WMU 92)
5. Calton Swamp (WMU 92)
8. Long Point (WMU 90)
9. Waterford Lakes (WMU 90)
10. Hullett (WMU 85)
17. Luther Marsh (WMU 80)
18. Orangeville (WMU 81)
21. Rankin (WMU 83)
23. Beverly Swamp (WMU 87)
24. Valens Lake (WMU 87)
25. Binbrook (WMU 87)
26. Mud Lake (WMU 89)
27. Willoughby Swamp (WMU 89)
38. Pine River Provincial Fishing Area (WMU 81)



LAKE
ONTARIO

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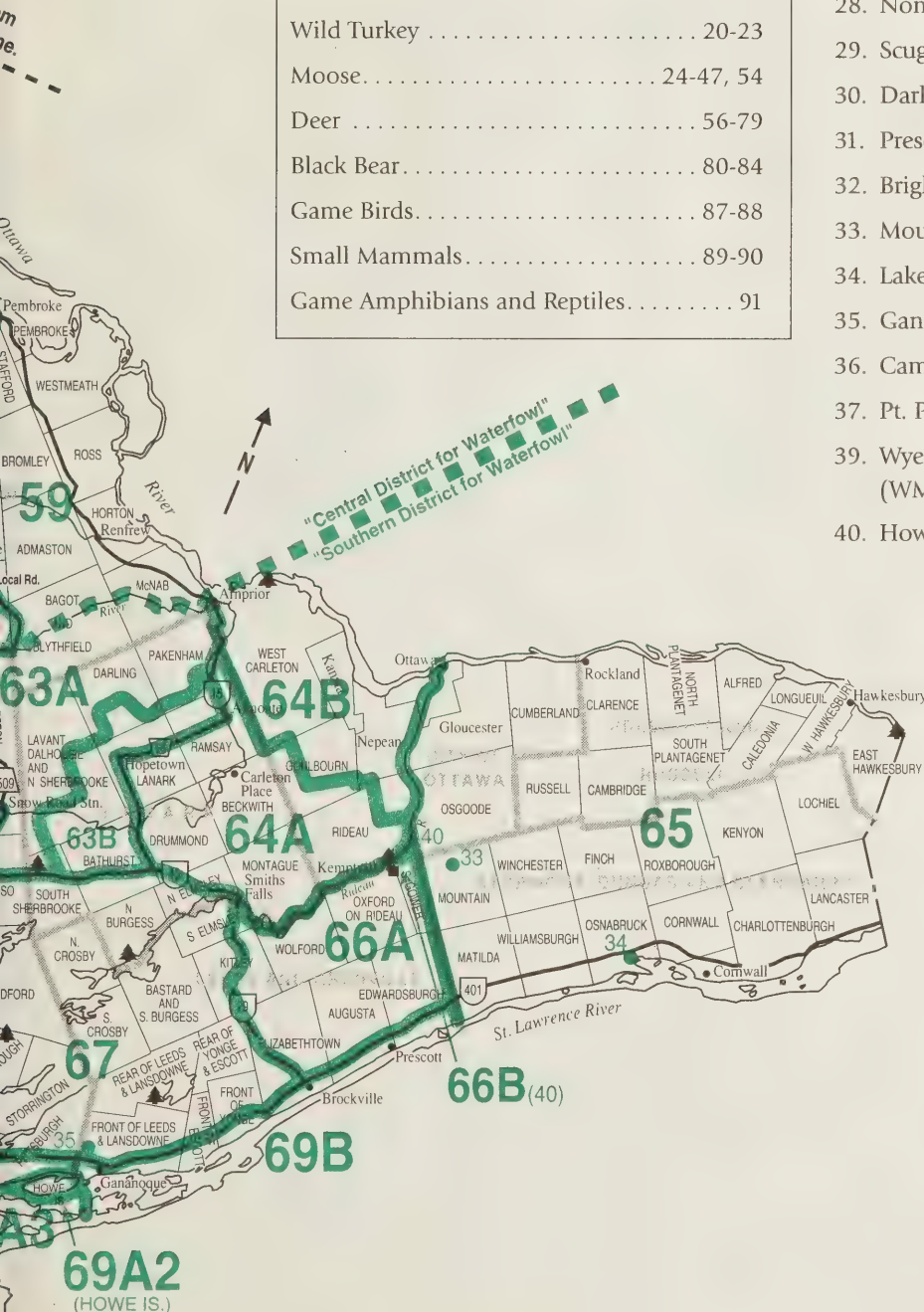
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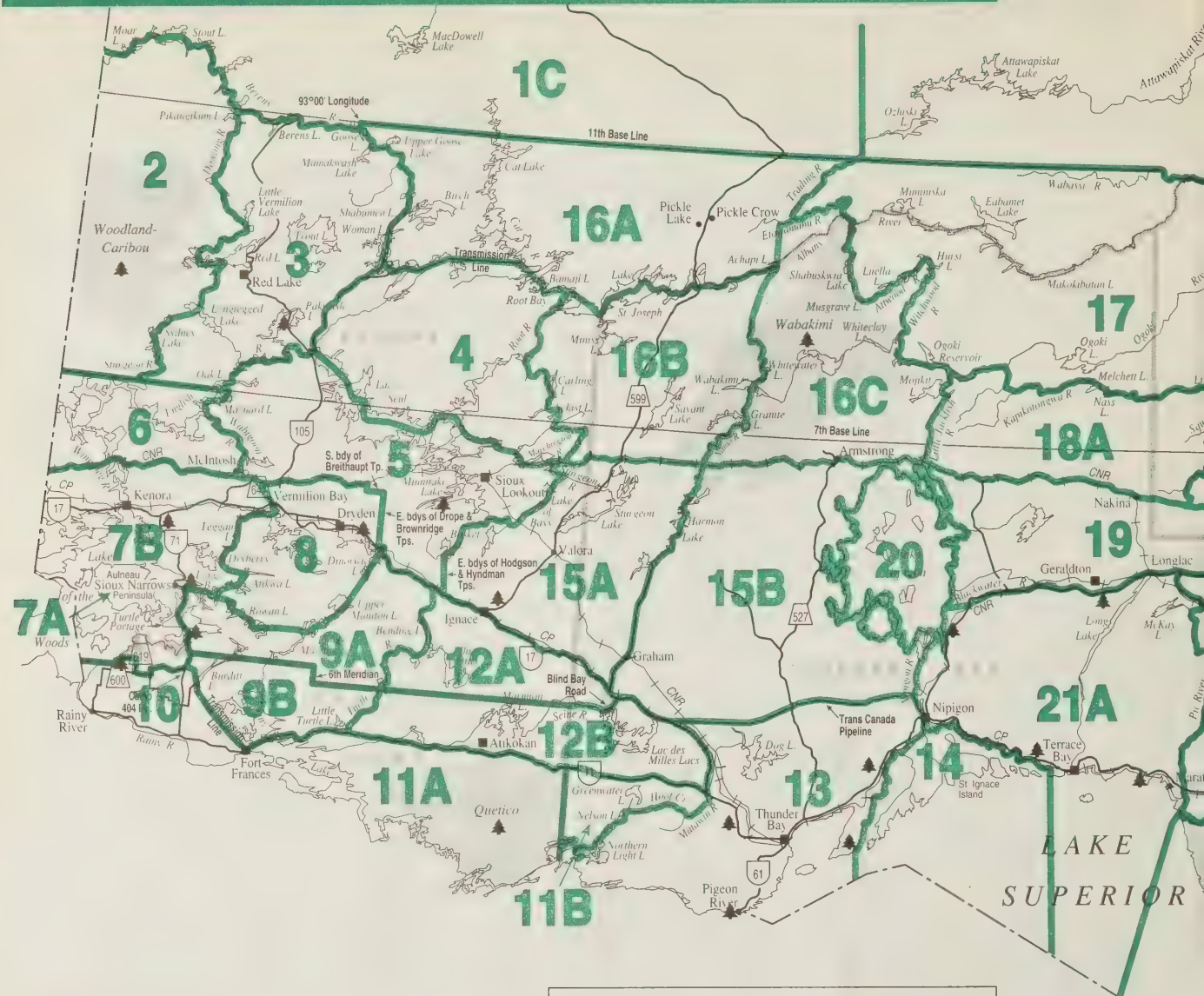
11. Tiny Marsh (WMU 76)
13. Matchedash Bay (WMU 76)
14. Copeland Forest Resources Management Area (WMU 76E)
15. Holland Marsh (WMU 77)
28. Nonquon (WMU 73)
29. Scugog Island (WMU 73)
30. Darlington (Provincial Park) (WMU 72)
31. Presqu'île (Provincial Park) (WMU 71)
32. Brighton (WMU 71)
33. Mountain (WMU 65)
34. Lake St. Lawrence (WMU 65)
35. Gananoque (WMU 67)
36. Camden Lake (WMU 68)
37. Pt. Petre (WMU 70)
39. Wye Marsh Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 76)
40. Howard Ferguson Nursery (WMU 66B)



Legend

	Township licence required to hunt pheasant and rabbit.
	MNR District or Area Office.
	Provincial or National Park.
	Wildlife Management Area.
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MAP 3



WMU Boundaries

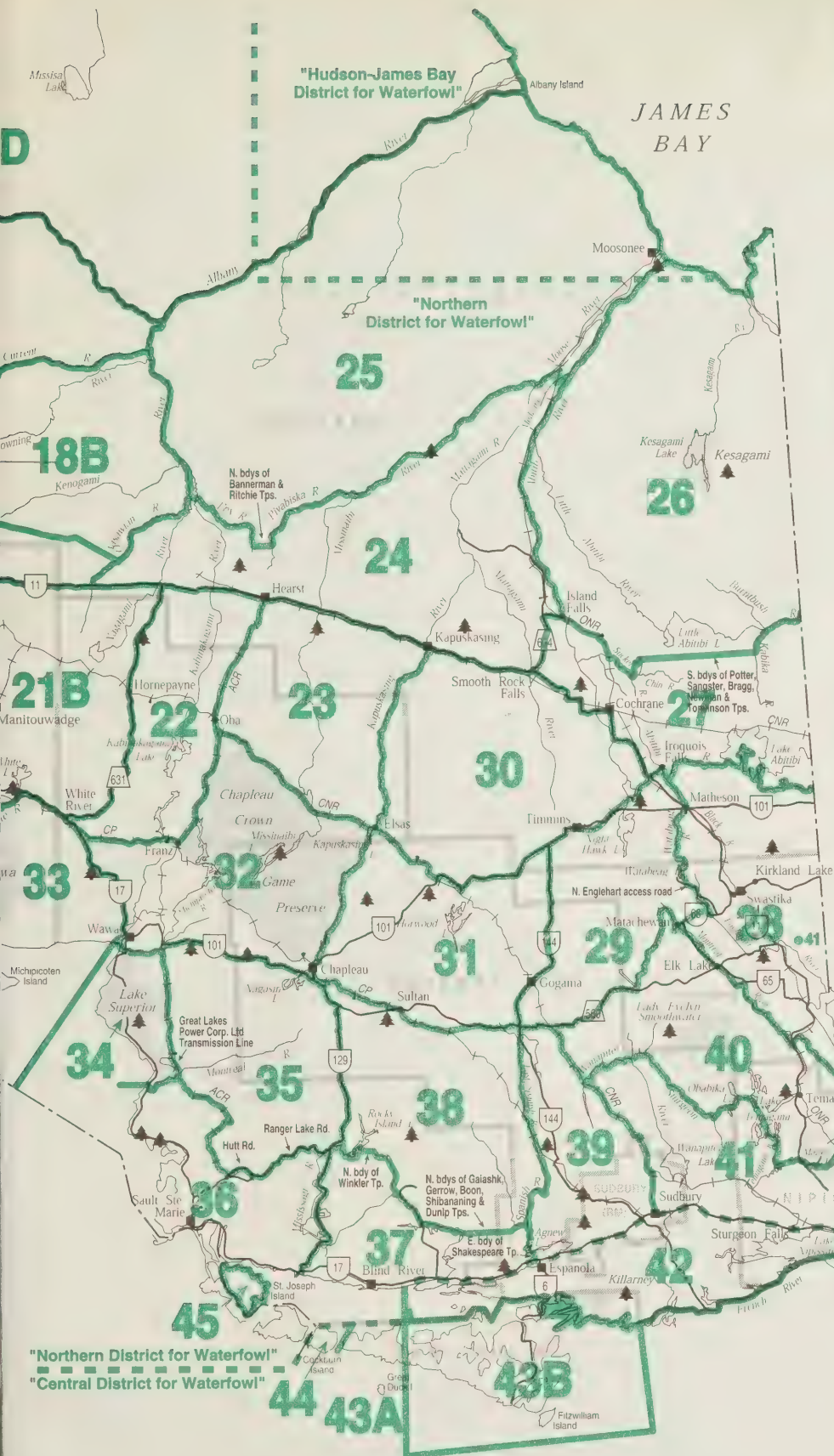
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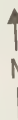
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Wildlife Management Areas

MAP 3

41. Hilliardton Marsh (WMU 28)

FAST FACTS

Ontario's Moose

The History:

- Moose has long been recognized as an important game animal in Ontario.
- Between the 1960s and 1980s, the effects of over-harvesting, predation, poaching and habitat deterioration contributed to a 31 per cent decline in the moose population.
- Changes in moose management over the past two decades have contributed to an increase in the huntable moose population from approximately 80,000 animals in 1983 to over 99,000 animals today despite an increase of more than 30,000 hunters.
- This population provides sustainable hunting, viewing and tourism-related opportunities.
- The sale of moose licences in Ontario generated approximately \$4,899,000 in revenue in 2002.

Management Tools:

- In Ontario, moose habitat is managed by considering the habitat needs of the species during the forest management planning process.
- Ontario's moose population is managed through a selective harvest system, which was introduced in 1983.
- This system restricts the harvest of adult breeders (and in some locations calf moose) thereby protecting the reproductive potential of the herd. The system allocates adult cow and bull tags within each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) and, beginning in 2004, calf tags in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57.
- Harvest quotas are based upon the moose population size and trend, hunter success rate, and moose population objectives for each Wildlife Management Unit.
- Population trends and harvest rates are monitored through the use of aerial surveys and hunter questionnaire surveys.

For more information visit www.mnr.gov.on.ca

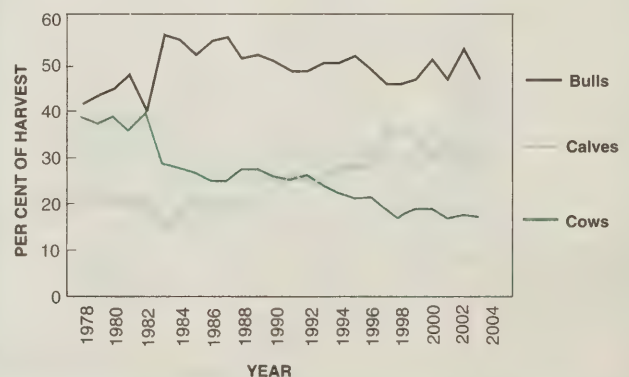
Current Status of Huntable Moose in Ontario:

- Cow harvests have decreased since the introduction of the selective harvest system, enabling the herd to grow in many WMUs.
- Calf harvests have doubled in overall composition in the harvest between 1978-2001, and have become excessive in some WMUs, necessitating some WMU-specific calf harvest control measures.
- High calf harvests, in combination with other factors, have contributed to recent moose population declines in some WMUs. To assist in recovery of the herd in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, restrictions on calf harvest, mandatory registration of all moose harvested and mandatory reporting by all tag holders in these WMUs will be initiated in 2004.

How You Can Help with the Management of Ontario's Moose:

- Complete and return your hunter questionnaire survey by mail or deliver it to an MNR office by the requested date.
- Ensure proper identification of your target (cow, bull, calf) when hunting as required by law.
- Register all moose harvested in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 at established check stations, and complete the mandatory report for a tag not used in one of these WMUs.
- Report moose poaching to Moose Watch 1-866-34-MOOSE (1-866-346-6673) or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS.

Moose Harvest Composition 1978-2003



BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET

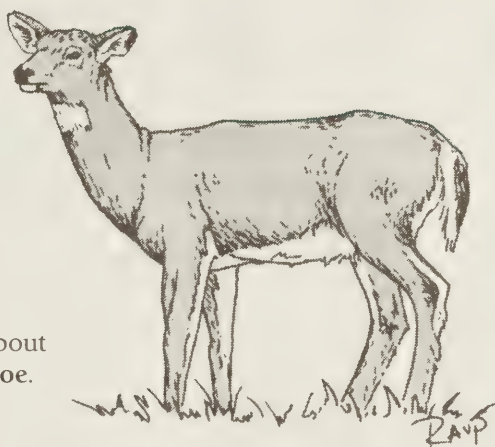
Watch for similarities and differences between
ELK and **WHITE-TAILED DEER**.

ELK CALF



A 5- to 6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tail doe.

WHITE-TAIL DOE



SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Elk calves and white-tail does:

A 5- to 6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tail doe.

Tails:

Elk have a short tail;

Deer have a long tail with a white underside.

Size:

Adult Elk stand 1.2-1.5 m (4.0-5.0 ft.) at the shoulders;
Adult Deer stand 0.9-1.1 m (3.0-3.5 ft.) at the shoulders.

Colouring:

Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and black neck;

Deer have legs the same colour as their bodies, and a white throat patch.

Elk antlers sweep back;

Deer antlers curve forward.

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ELK

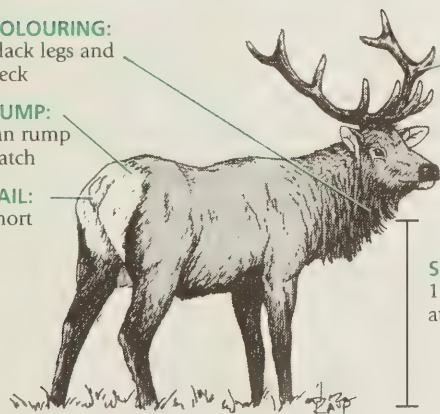
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black legs and neck

RUMP:
tan rump patch

TAIL:
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ANTLERS:
sweep back

SIZE:
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at the shoulders



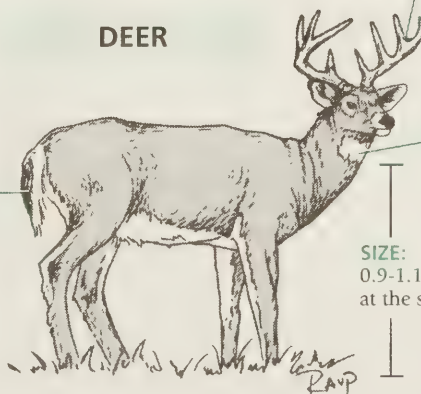
DEER

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long with white underside

ANTLERS:
curve forward

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white throat patch

SIZE:
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at the shoulders



Elk are being restored in Ontario

Deer Draws, Seasons and Other Regulations

Licence Tag Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. Resident's licence tag to hunt deer \$34.00
2. Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer \$20.50
You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form (available from MNR and some licence issuers) to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdiction as the case may be) in which you reside.
3. Dog licence \$9.75
4. Non-resident's licence to hunt deer \$170.00
(antlered deer only)

Non-resident's Export Permit Fee \$35.00

(also see Export and Shipping)

This permit is required to export from Ontario any part of the deer including the carcass, hide or antlers.

Resident's Export Permit issued at no charge.



DRAW RESULTS LINE: 1-800-288-1155 (available by September 8 for antlerless deer; by October 15 for controlled deer hunts). Call toll-free to determine your success in the deer validation tag draw.

Firearms

Big game, including deer, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting deer you may use or carry only a firearm of the type permitted for hunting deer at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting deer during an archery only season, you may use or carry only archery equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other game species. However, when hunting deer during a rifle/shotgun season you may also carry a rifle or shotgun for small game (in addition to your firearm that meets the specifications to hunt deer) because it is the same type of firearm.

The following cannot be used for hunting deer:

- a rim-fire rifle;
- a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot; and,
- any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting, bows must meet the following specifications.

Crossbows:

- draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.);
- draw weight must be at least 45 kg (99.2 lbs.);
- bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Longbows:

- draw weight must be at least 18 kg (39.7 lbs.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less;
- arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.);
- arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 14 under "Firearms".

NOTE: You may not hunt deer while they are swimming.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export deer or any part of a deer from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most MNR offices in the area where the animal has been taken. You should obtain the export permit before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience. A resident may temporarily transport a deer out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any of the deer outside Ontario.

You must keep the game seal attached to the deer while you are transporting it.

A non-resident must pay \$35.00 for an export permit. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

NOTE: Non-residents are advised that at the time this *Summary* went to press, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as well as some individual states had import restrictions in place affecting wild ruminant meat. Non-resident hunters should check on the status of any restrictions when planning their hunt. Similarly, Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the US to reach a Canadian destination should check for any restrictions on transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary.

For more information see the USDA website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie>. Click on "Import Alerts" found in the "News and Information" section.

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs within the Territorial District of Rainy River include 9B, 10, 11A and part of 7B and 12B.

Non-Resident of Canada Crown Land Camping Restrictions – WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B

Non-residents of Canada: Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts between October 1 to November 15.

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off of Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17;
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off of these roads to the junction of the English River Road;
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads;
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads; and,
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information contact Kenora District Office at 807-468-2501 or the Fort Frances District Office at 807-274-5337.

Ontario's Deer Hunt

White-tailed deer are abundant in many parts of their Ontario range. Easily available food, mild winters, and the ability to adapt to human encroachment have allowed them to flourish. As a result, much of Ontario is rich in deer hunting opportunities.

There are two types of opportunities for deer hunting in Ontario that involve computerized random draws for validation tags. They are:

- the Antlerless Deer Draw; and,
- the Controlled Deer Draw.

The **antlerless deer** validation tag program was instituted in portions of Ontario in 1980, when deer populations were at a relatively low level.

The program's purpose is to ensure the sustainability of the herd. Habitat has a limited ability to support deer; this ability is called the carrying capacity of the habitat. Maintaining a deer population within the carrying capacity of its habitat ensures a healthy population with minimal habitat impacts, which ensures sustainability.

The antlerless deer validation tag program is used to limit the number of antlerless tags allocated, which controls the number of antlerless deer harvested. If deer populations are low, then the number of antlerless tags offered will be low, to allow the herd to rebuild. As deer numbers increase, the number of antlerless tags offered will increase to control the growth of the herd.

The antlerless deer validation tag program allows any legally licensed hunter to harvest a buck, but an antlerless deer (a doe or fawn) can be harvested only if the hunter or hunting party holds an antlerless deer validation tag.

An antlerless deer is defined as a deer that has no antlers, or has antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) in length.

The term "**controlled deer hunt**" means that the number of deer hunters hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) is controlled or limited.

Controlled hunts may be used to meet one or more objectives. Limiting the number of hunters in a WMU is desirable in built-up rural areas to ensure public safety. Controlling hunter numbers in popular units can also prevent overcrowding; this results in a higher-quality hunting experience.

Controlled deer hunts take place in southern and southwestern Ontario. Many hunters refer to these hunts as the "shotgun hunts" because the firearm that is permitted is usually a shotgun or flintlock/percussion cap muzzle-loading gun. While many controlled hunts are "any deer" hunts, some are for antlered deer only.

Additional Game Seals for Deer

Deer populations in southern Ontario have flourished in recent years, leading to significant crop damage and increased deer/vehicle collisions in some areas.

To better manage the white-tailed deer population in specific areas where density is high, a limited number of additional game seals will be offered in certain WMUs. The availability of additional seals, and the conditions placed on their use, may vary. Please refer to page 68 for a list of the WMUs offering additional game seals in 2004.

For most of these WMUs additional game seals will be sold by automated telephone system (IVR) only from August 9-22, 2004, on a first come, first served basis, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-288-1155. Cost for residents is \$34.00.

Party Hunting for Deer

PLEASE NOTE: Changes have been made to the definition of party hunting for the 2004 hunting season.

The term "party hunting for deer" now means two or more persons hunting during an open season for deer **under all of the following conditions:**

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt deer.
- The total number of deer killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt deer.
- The total number of antlered or antlerless deer killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals validated for antlered or antlerless deer that are held by members of the party.

- All members of the party hunt together in the same wildlife management unit or portion thereof as the person who holds the seal for the deer that is being hunted.
- Each member of the party hunts within 5 kilometers of the person who holds the seal that is valid for the deer being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.

The person who kills the deer while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the deer has been killed and the seal holder shall immediately affix the seal to the deer in the manner prescribed on the seal. At this point, party members at the kill site must determine the category of animals that may still be hunted. You must then make sure your other party members, who did not come to the kill site, are informed. The hunter in your party who killed the animal, and the hunter who attached the game seal, may continue hunting, provided other members of your party possess valid, unused game seals.

A person shall not hunt deer in a party during a controlled deer hunt season unless he or she holds a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The exception is a Hunter Apprentice hunting with a Mentor (in which case the Mentor must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag).

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before the hunt begins. Contact a Conservation Officer at the MNR office in the district in which you will be hunting. A list of MNR offices and phone numbers can be found on pages 95 and 96.

Sealing and Transporting Deer

The antlerless deer validation tag must be affixed to the recipient's game seal before hunting begins.

The controlled deer hunt validation tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting in a controlled hunt.

Do not affix the controlled deer hunt validation tag to your game seal.

If Hunting Deer Alone:

When the deer has been killed, the licence holder who shot the deer must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal.

Sealing Deer

Instructions for Attaching the Deer Seal

1. Fold the game seal around the base of an antler or slit the ear and pass the game seal through. The tag should not wrap around itself, but rather form a loop.
2. Carefully peel the backing off the seal. Keep hair, moisture and debris off the tag.
3. Then press the adhesive side on both ends together up to where it wraps around the deer part.
4. Notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the deer seal.



You must notch out the month, date, and time of the kill on the game seal.

If Party Hunting for Deer:

When a deer has been killed, the member whose seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for hunting deer of the type that has been killed must **immediately** after the kill, and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the deer. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a deer.

To attach the game seal to an antlered deer, fold the game seal around the base of an antler. The tag should not wrap around itself, but rather should form a loop. Remove the backing and then press the adhesive sides together. Be careful to keep moisture and dirt off the seal.

If you are transporting part of a deer, you must know, and be prepared to state:

- the name of the hunter who sealed the animal;
- the hunting licence number and validation tag number under which the animal was sealed; and,
- the WMU in which it was taken;

if requested to do so by a Conservation Officer.

HELP THE MINISTRY COLLECT AGE INFORMATION ON DEER

Deer hunters in selected areas of the province are encouraged to provide information on the age of their deer at checkstations, some MNR offices and some hide depots in the area of their hunt. Please contact the MNR office in the area you will be hunting to determine if the lower jaw is required, and where and when collection centres are operating.

More on Deer

For more important information and regulations on deer hunting, see these pages:

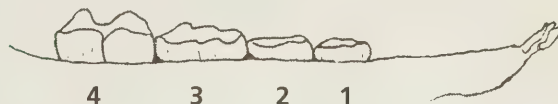
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How Old is Your Deer?

1/2 year old

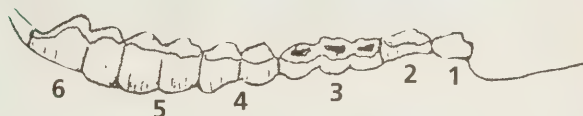
At this age, white-tailed deer have only four cheek teeth that show little wear.



1 1/2 years old

At this age white-tailed deer have six cheek teeth. The third tooth is the most important for determining age.

Third tooth has 3 cups, is well-worn and ready to shed.



or

Third tooth is new with sharp crests and no sign of wear.



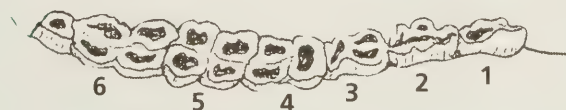
2 1/2 years old

At this age, white-tailed deer have six cheek teeth all of which show varying degrees of wear. Third tooth shows wear and widening of brown dentine lines.



12 1/2 years old

At this age, white-tailed deer have six cheek teeth all of which show varying degrees of wear. Extreme wear and brown dentine lines on teeth are evident. The teeth are very close to the gum line.



Wildlife Diseases

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a disease that may be transferred to humans when they are bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus. Hunters in areas with active mosquito populations should wear long-sleeved shirts and use bug hats or bug repellent to reduce the chance of exposure to this virus.

For additional information call the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care INFOLine at 1-800-268-1154 or visit one of two Web sites:

- Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Questions & Answers: West Nile Virus (WNV) and Wild Game Hunters:
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/qa/wnv_hunters.htm
- Or the MOHLTC Web site:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/pub/pub_menus/pub_wnv.html

Chronic Wasting Disease

- There is no evidence to date that CWD exists in wild deer or elk populations in Ontario, but the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF), and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) monitor deer and elk in the wild and on farms and zoos to ensure that it is detected if it is present.
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal nervous disease of mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk. It has recently been detected in mid-western states and in Alberta and Saskatchewan increasing concerns about the potential spread of the disease to Ontario.

- If you plan to travel outside of Ontario to hunt deer and elk, you are advised to check with state or provincial wildlife authorities before travelling to that area, to determine if there are import/export and disease testing requirements for harvested animals and their parts or products.
- Also note that some states and provinces may have restrictions on transporting deer and elk in or out of the jurisdiction even though CWD has not been detected in that area. You are advised to check with border officials and the CFIA, (web address is: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca>) to determine restrictions or documentation requirements to transport harvested deer or elk to Ontario from other jurisdictions.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has advised jurisdictions where CWD has been detected that no (part of a) deer or elk with evidence of CWD should be eaten by people or other animals. Although clinical signs of the disease are not always visible, the symptoms observed in deer or elk with CWD include: emaciation (loss of body weight and body condition); abnormal behaviour or indifference to human activity; increased salivation; tremors; stumbling, lack of coordination, difficulty or inefficiency in chewing or swallowing, and increased drinking and urination.
- MNR will continue to provide hunters with information about CWD. Hunters that are concerned should following the guidelines for handling and processing harvested wild deer that are on the MNR website:
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/csb/news/nov5nr02.html>

Should there be a need, the Ministry of Natural Resources will communicate with hunters and the general public about any significant aspects related to CWD.

For additional information see the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture website at:
<http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/livestock/ceptror/2001/sept01a4.htm>

Applying to the Draw for an Antlerless Deer Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag. Each hunter who receives a tag in the draw is permitted to harvest an antlerless deer in the WMU specified on the tag.

Licensed hunters who do not apply to the antlerless draw, or who are not successful in the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag, may harvest an antlered deer.

Hunters who wish to apply to the antlerless deer draw may use one of two methods. For your convenience, you may purchase your 2004 resident's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card) and apply to the antlerless deer draw in one toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155** between March 1 and August 3. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You may also purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer and submit a paper application for the draw to a Ministry of Natural Resources office.

Your chance of being drawn for an antlerless deer validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application. Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 3, 2004.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at an MNR office is 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2004.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices. For a list of MNR offices, refer to pages 95 and 96.

Applying by Telephone

The telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw in one phone call. (If you have already purchased a deer licence, you must apply to the antlerless tag draw using the paper application that comes with your licence and game seal. Please refer to the section on Applying by Paper Application.)



To use this system you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system.

The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- with a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155; or,
- by connecting to the Internet renewal site at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the antlerless deer validation tag draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 9.

It is recommended that you complete the Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone found on page 63 before making your call.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- a valid hunting version Outdoors Card number;
- a VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. (The charge on your credit card will be \$37.00);
- the first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply; and,
- a Touch-Tone telephone.

During your call, listen to the recorded instructions carefully. You will be asked to confirm your answers, and given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. Remember that you must respond to the questions asked by

using the keypad of your telephone. Do not speak your answers. The information that you enter electronically during your telephone call (using your telephone keypad) is your direct application to the draw.

When keying in the WMU to which you wish to apply, remember that single-digit WMUs (such as 5, 6, 7 etc.) must be entered with a "0" as the first digit. Enter such WMUs by keying 05, 06, 07 etc. Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2004) on this page.

Remain on the line to get an Authorization Number. Record this number at the bottom of your Worksheet for future reference.

Confirm your postal code before hanging up. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address so your licence (and game seal if you are successful in the draw) will reach you, or update your address over the Internet at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- the telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on the day of the deadline for applications;
- **do not leave your call until the day of the deadline!** If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw for an antlerless tag. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try;
- telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends;
- on weekdays, our telephone lines are generally least busy early in the day and late in the day.

Remember, do not apply to the draw by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2004)

03	39	62	77 *
05	41	63A	78 *
06	42	63B	79 *
07A	43A	64A	80 *
07B	43B	64B	81 *
08	44	65	82A
09A	45	66A	82B
09B	46	66B *	83A
10	47	67	84
11A	48	68A	85 *
11B	49	68B	86 *
12A	50	69A *	87 *
12B	53A	69B	88 *
13	54	70 *	89 *
14	55A	71	90 *
15A	55B	72A	91 *
15B	56	72B *	92 *
21A	57	73	93 *
28	58	74A	94 *
36	59	74B	
37	60A	75	
38	61	76 *	

Tags for WMUs marked with an asterisk (*) are valid during the bow season only.

WORK PERMITS

The Public Lands Act states that you must have a work permit before you construct a new building, create trails, or do other modifications on Crown land. Crown land includes the bottom of most waterbodies. Contact an MNR office before you do work on Crown lands. MNR staff will advise you if you require a work permit. Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the Public Lands Act to leave any material, substance or thing on Crown land.

Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone

Note: The antlerless deer draw system does not accept controlled deer hunt applications

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit(s), and credit card number and expiry date.

Using your best Touch-Tone telephone, dial 1-800-288-1155, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to August 3. **Be sure to apply early.** If you wait for the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the antlerless deer draw. **Do not wait until the last day.**

NOTE: If you are having a problem applying by telephone, after your fourth unsuccessful attempt to enter correct information when prompted, you will be given the telephone number of the Outdoors Card Centre. You should call this number as directed during regular business hours for assistance with your draw application. If you do not call this number before the draw deadline, your application will not be entered into the draw.

STEP 1 When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to choose the Antlerless Deer Draw entry option.

STEP 2 After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your first choice Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Only the valid WMUs listed on page 62 will be accepted.

First, enter only the numbers of your WMU. If your WMU has more than one sub-unit, you will be asked to select the sub-unit next.

Your First Choice WMU is: __ __ Sub-unit: __

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to confirm your choice of WMU. Listen to your choice carefully before confirming it. The responsibility for entering the correct WMU rests solely with the applicant. You cannot change your choices after you have confirmed them and entered the draw.

STEP 4 Repeat step 3 for your second choice WMU.

Your Second Choice WMU is: __ __ Sub-unit: __

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 6 Enter the four digit expiry date from your credit card:

expiry date __ __ / __ __
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STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the authorization number for your records.

Your authorization number is:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if successful in the draw) when it is mailed to you. If your postal code is not correct, you should immediately (during office hours) call the **Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011)** or go online at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca> to update your address. Otherwise you will not receive your licence and game seal.

Keep this worksheet for your records.

Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer validation tag using a paper application must first purchase a resident's or farmer's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card).

To purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card in your possession. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you can purchase your deer licence. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- with a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155; or,
- by connecting to the Internet renewal site at <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

Your new Outdoors Card will reach you in two to three weeks.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 9.

When you buy your deer licence you will receive a paper application for the antlerless deer draw and your game seal.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid antlerless deer Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Be sure to indicate the WMU sub-unit (A or B) if required. (Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2004) on page 62.) If you need more information or have a question, call a Ministry of Natural Resources office (see pages 95 and 96 for the list of offices).

Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for an antlerless deer validation tag is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application. You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

Submit your application well before the **5:00 p.m., August 3, 2004**, deadline for the antlerless deer draw. Remember that this deadline for your paper application is the date by which your application must have reached MNR. **This deadline is NOT a "postmarked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All late applications will be rejected from the draw** without exception.

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

You Will Be Disqualified From the Draw If:

- more than one application (either by telephone or on paper) is submitted in your name;
- your Outdoors Card is not valid;

- the application is not complete (for example, if the sub-unit of the WMU, or season choice is not indicated where necessary);
- the application is for an invalid WMU or season;
- the writing is not legible;
- the application is received late; or,
- your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices. For a list of MNR offices, refer to pages 95 and 96.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 to determine the results of the Antlerless Deer Draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week from September 8 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Licences and Antlerless Deer Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants, and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their deer licence, will be notified by mail.

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw by telephone and were successful, the validation tag you receive is part of the game seal that is mailed to you. Remember to remove your resident's deer licence tag from the top left corner of your game seal and affix it to the back of your Outdoors Card before you go hunting.

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw with a paper application and were successful, the validation tag you receive must be affixed to your game seal.

Do not lose your validation tag or game seal.

If you were successful in the draw, or you purchased a licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence and/or validation tag, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate licence and/or validation tag through your ministry office only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

If you have moved recently and have not informed the ministry of your new address you may not receive your licence/validation tag when it is mailed after the draw. Please call the Outdoors Card Center at **1-800-387-7011** to update your address information, or change your address over the Internet at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>

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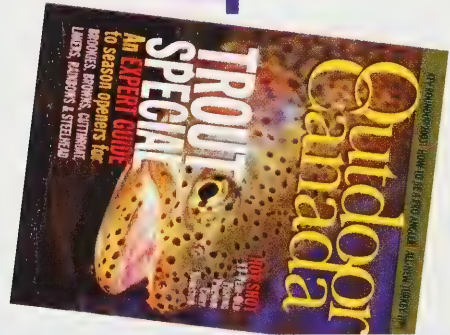
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2004 Regular Deer Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery, and Muzzle-loaders are permitted during many of these seasons, check the conditions under which you may hunt.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
5	Oct. 16 to Oct. 29	No season	Archery, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
5	Oct. 30 to Dec. 15	No season	No dogs
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Oct. 2 to Oct. 8	Oct. 2 to Oct. 8	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A
7A	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	Oct. 9 to Nov. 15	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only
8	Oct. 16 to Oct. 29	Oct. 16 to Oct. 29	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
8	Oct. 30 to Dec. 15	Oct. 30 to Dec. 15	No dogs
10	Oct. 30 to Dec. 15	Oct. 30 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
11A	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; archery and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
3, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Oct. 9 to Dec. 15	No season	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 12B
28	Nov. 1 to Nov. 4	No season	Deer hunt only in part of WMU – contact Kirkland Lake MNR office (page 96) for details; no dogs
36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 68A, 74B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	
39, 41, 42	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	No season	
43A, 43B	Nov. 15 to Nov. 21	Nov. 15 to Nov. 21	Landowner's Permission; no dogs. Burpee Twp. is in WMU 43B
43A, 43B	Dec. 6 to Dec. 8	Dec. 6 to Dec. 8	Landowner's Permission; archery and muzzle-loading guns only
44	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
45	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	No dogs
64A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	
64B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
65	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
66A, 67	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	
68B, 74A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
69B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
71, 72A, 73, 75	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13	Archery, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	No dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82B	Nov. 15 to Nov. 19	Nov. 15 to Nov. 19	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

Changes are proposed that will establish new 6 day muzzle-loader seasons commencing on the first Monday in December in WMUs 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67 and 69B (Kemptville office). Contact the office listed for details.

Changes are proposed that will establish a new one week rifle season for WMU 67 (Kemptville office) in the 3rd week of November. Contact the office listed for details.

Changes are proposed that will establish new non-resident (bucks only) seasons for WMUs 39, 42 (Sudbury office), and 41 (North Bay office). Contact the offices listed for details.

Changes are proposed that will establish a new season for deer in WMU 4 (Sioux Lookout office). Contact the office listed for details.

Archery Seasons

Archery hunters wishing to hunt antlerless deer in a WMU with an archery-only season (refer to the table below *Archery Only Seasons – Deer* and continued on page 67) must apply to the antlerless deer validation tag draw in that unit.

Do not apply for an antlerless deer validation tag in a WMU with a controlled hunt unless you plan to hunt with a bow

during the bow season only. In WMUs that offer controlled hunts, you can use antlerless tags only during the bow-only season. The one exception is WMU 73. In WMU 73, an antlerless tag can be used in the regular gun season or the bows-only season, but a controlled deer hunt tag is required to hunt in the muzzle-loaders only season.

Archery Only Seasons – Deer (No Dogs)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
5	Oct. 2 to Oct. 15	No season	
6, 7B	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B
8	Oct. 2 to Oct. 15	Oct. 2 to Oct. 15	
9A, 9B	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	Sept. 18 to Oct. 1	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in 9B
10	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	Non-Resident Guide Requirement
12A, 12B	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B
3, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Sept. 18 to Oct. 8	No season	
36	Oct. 9 to Oct. 29	Oct. 9 to Oct. 29	
37	Oct. 23 to Oct. 31	Oct. 23 to Oct. 31	See new and pending changes page 2
42	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	
43A, 43B	Oct. 2 to Nov. 12	Oct. 2 to Nov. 12	Landowner Permission (Burpee Twp. in 43B)
44	Oct. 9 to Oct. 22	Oct. 9 to Oct. 22	Landowner Permission
45	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	Oct. 2 to Oct. 29	
	Nov. 8 to Nov. 20	Nov. 8 to Nov. 20	
46	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	
47	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 15 to Dec. 4	Nov. 15 to Dec. 4	
48, 49, 50, 53A	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	
54, 56	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Excluding parts of WMU 54 which lie within the boundaries of Algonquin Provincial Park
	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	
55A	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Dec. 19	Nov. 14 to Dec. 19	
55B	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15	
57, 58, 59	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	Nov. 14 to Nov. 30	
60A, 61, 62, 63A	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Dec. 15	Nov. 14 to Dec. 15	
63B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	
64A, 64B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 7 to Nov. 14	Nov. 7 to Nov. 14	
	Nov. 21 to Dec. 31	Nov. 21 to Dec. 31	
65	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	Oct. 15 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	
66B	Nov. 8 to Nov. 13	Nov. 8 to Nov. 13	
66A, 67	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	
68A, 68B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	
69A1, 69A3	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	
69A2	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28	
	Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	
69B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	
70	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28	
	Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	
71	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	
	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	Nov. 14 to Dec. 31	
72A	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	

Archery Only Seasons – Deer (No Dogs) *(continued)*

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
72B 73, 74A	Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	
74B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Dec. 15 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Dec. 15 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	
75	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 14 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	
76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 15	No season	
78A, 78B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 31	No season	
78C, 78D, 78E 79C, 79D	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 15 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Dec. 31	No season No season	
80	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 7 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
81A, 81B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 15	No season	
82A	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 31	No season	
82B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 14 Nov. 20 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 31	No season	
83A	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 15	No season	
84	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 6 to Nov. 28 Dec. 4 to Dec. 31	No season	
85A, 85B, 85C	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 7 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
86A, 86B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
87A 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	No season No season	
88 89A, 89B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Oct. 31	No season No season	For open season after Nov. 6 contact The Vineland MNR office.
90A, 90B	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 7 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 7 to Nov. 14 Nov. 21 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
93A, 93B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 28 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No season	
93C	Contact the Chatham MNR office	No season	Contact the Chatham MNR office
94A 94B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 Nov. 3 to Dec. 31	No season No season	

Additional Game Seals for Deer

When deer populations in certain Wildlife Management Units warrant, hunters may be offered the opportunity to purchase an additional game seal to harvest a second deer. The table below shows the WMUs in southern Ontario in which a limited number of additional game seals will be offered in 2004.

For most of these WMUs additional game seals will be sold by automated telephone system (IVR) only from August 9-22, 2004, on a first come, first served basis, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-288-1155.

In early August, hunters who purchased a resident deer licence in either of the past two years will be mailed a brochure containing the hunt codes required to use this system (If you do not receive a brochure, please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011.) Cost of the additional deer seal for residents is \$34.00.

If a WMU has any game seals remaining for sale after August 22, they will be sold at the MNR office that administers that WMU starting August 23.

WMU(s)	Conditions for Use	MNR Office
63B, 64A	Archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loader	Kemptville
64B	Archery, shotgun, muzzle-loader	Kemptville
65, 66A, 66B, 67, 69B	Archery only	Kemptville
69A, 70	Archery only	Kingston
71, 74B	Archery only	Peterborough
72A, 73, 74A, 75	Archery only	Peterborough
72A, 73, 74A, 75	Controlled Deer Hunt*	Peterborough
72B, 78, 79	Archery only	Aurora
79C, 79D	Controlled Deer Hunt*	Aurora
82A, 82B	Archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loader	Owen Sound
85A, 85B, 85C, 86A, 86B	Archery only	Clinton
80, 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E	Archery only	Guelph
88	Archery only	Vineland
91	Archery only	Aylmer
91A, 91B	Controlled Deer Hunt*	Aylmer
92	Archery only	Aylmer
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D,	Controlled Deer Hunt*	Aylmer
94A (area specific)	Archery only	Aylmer

* Hunters must possess a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag along with their additional seal to hunt with their additional seal during the Controlled Deer Hunt season.

Changes are proposed that would permit more WMUs to offer additional game seals for deer. Please refer to the brochure that will be mailed to all resident deer hunters in early August for a complete listing.

Ontario's Wildlife – some species need our help

The Ministry of Natural Resources wants to work with you to protect Ontario's species at risk. MNR staff will appreciate any sightings information you report. To learn about species at risk in your area, contact your local MNR office.

For more information, visit www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.html or <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/sar.html>.

species at risk - act today so they have tomorrow

DON'T MISS OUT

Use the quick and convenient telephone application system to enter the Antlerless Deer Draw or the Controlled Deer Hunt Draw.

Antlerless Draw Deadline: **August 3, 2004**

Controlled Hunt Draw Deadline: **August 31, 2004**

1-800-288-1155

For more information, see pages 61-63 and 73-75 in this *Regulations Summary*.



2003 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Rifle Season Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE	WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
		1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND				1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
03	50	78	56	50	0	64	66A	2,600	2,048	1,072	2,048	55	100
05	175	171	283	171	4	100	66B	30	5	56	5	1	100
06	120	77	284	77	2	100	67	4,600	4,367	2,404	4,367	233	100
07A	50	5	41	5	2	100	68A	400	749	604	400	0	53
07B	1,600	1,259	949	1,259	15	100	68B	400	1,202	885	400	0	33
08	600	492	280	492	6	100	69B	425	245	381	245	12	100
09A	250	225	252	225	6	100	71	900	871	916	871	29	100
09B	500	381	488	381	2	100	72A	700	814	524	700	0	85
10	1,750	1,630	815	1,630	12	100	73	2,300	2,417	1,591	2,300	16	95
11A	500	348	225	348	9	100	74A	400	451	584	400	0	89
11B	50	35	135	35	1	100	74B	740	744	574	740	0	99
12A	50	32	65	32	1	100	75	1,400	1,046	1022	1,046	354	100
12B	325	266	481	266	12	100	82A	5,500	5,310	2,267	5,310	190	100
13	1,750	1,696	938	1,696	40	100	82B	1,000	742	759	742	34	100
14	150	22	35	22	3	100	83A	400	1,047	465	400	0	38
15A	50	34	25	34	1	100	84	2,150	2,467	1,276	2,150	0	87
15B	50	84	167	50	0	60	2003 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results For Bow Season Only Tags						
21A	75	80	107	75	0	93							
28	50	49	66	49	1	100							
36	100	734	849	100	0	13							
37	750	1,124	736	750	0	66							
38	45	20	201	20	25	100	WMUQUOTAAPLICATIONS1ST2NDALLOCATIONS1ST2ND% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE						
39	50	203	288	50	0	24							
41	55	485	504	55	0	11	69A	1,400	380	703	380	250	100
42	300	1,215	1,113	300	0	24	70	1,000	332	454	332	200	100
43A	1,200	1,237	754	1,200	0	97	72B	100	42	96	42	21	100
43B	5,400	5,459	1,883	5,400	0	99	76	250	625	437	250	0	40
44	100	152	54	100	0	65	77	150	504	325	150	0	29
45	600	1,379	522	600	0	43	78	1,000	1004	757	1000	0	99
46	300	1,560	887	300	0	19	79	500	210	145	210	20	100
47	3,400	5,691	2,594	3,400	0	59	80	1,250	1,062	619	1,062	90	100
48	500	1,467	1,245	500	0	34	81	450	436	351	436	14	100
49	600	4,004	2,251	600	0	15	85	1,000	729	439	729	35	100
50	540	1,527	974	540	0	35	86	500	345	257	345	22	100
53A	950	2,141	1,244	950	0	44	87	1,500	980	585	980	74	100
54	700	1,320	1,018	700	0	53	88	500	377	346	377	47	100
55A	600	869	649	600	0	69	89	1,500	1,339	690	1,339	89	100
55B	300	1,417	1,203	300	0	21	90	1,000	777	632	777	87	100
56	600	2,051	1,333	600	0	29	91	1,000	643	413	643	35	100
57	2,700	3,104	1,935	2,700	0	86	92	1,600	1,499	729	1,499	45	100
58	3,100	3,700	2,636	3,100	0	83	93	800	617	452	617	63	100
59	2,000	2,397	1,778	2,000	0	83	94	1,500	768	541	768	111	100
60A	1,800	5,611	2,891	1,800	0	32							
61	1,800	3,842	2,377	1,800	0	46							
62	800	2,522	1,724	800	0	31							
63A	3,800	4,911	2,441	3,800	0	77							
63B	2,600	1,204	1,318	2,600	198	100							
64A	8,000	2,467	1,658	2,467	168	100							
64B	3,670	895	947	895	120	100							
65	3,500	3,783	1,825	3,500	0	92							

Tentative Resident Deer Season Opening Dates for 2005 and 2006

Season	WMU(s)	2005 Start	2006 Start
Deer Archery Open Seasons	3, 6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A,	Sept. 17	Sept. 16
Deer Archery Open Seasons	5, 8, 10	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
Deer Archery Open Seasons	36	Oct. 15	Oct. 14
Deer Archery Open Seasons	37	Oct. 22	Oct. 21
Deer Archery Open Seasons	42, 43A, 43B, 45	Oct. 1	Oct. 7
Deer Archery Open Seasons	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 55A, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63A, 65, 79C, 79D	Oct. 15	Oct. 15
Deer Archery Open Seasons	66B	Nov. 14	Nov. 13
Deer Archery Open Seasons	54, 56, 63B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69A1, 69A2, 69A3, 69B, 70, 71, 72A, 72B, 73, 74A, 74B, 75, 76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D, 78E, 80, 81A, 81B, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84, 85A, 85B, 85C, 86A, 86B, 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 88, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D, 93A, 93B, 94A, 94B	Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Deer Archery Open Seasons	55B	Dec. 1	Dec. 1
Deer Archery Open Seasons	93C – Contact Chatham MNR office	Aug. 20	Aug. 19
Deer Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Dec. 5	Dec. 4
Deer Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	82B	Nov. 21	Nov. 20
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	7A	Oct. 8	Oct. 7
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	11A	Sept. 17	Sept. 16
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	5, 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 14
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Oct. 1	Sept. 30
Deer Archery and Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	43A, 43B	Dec. 5	Dec. 4
Deer Archery, Shotgun Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	64B, 65, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Nov. 7	Nov. 6
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	5, 8, 10	Oct. 29	Oct. 28
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	3, 6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 21A	Oct. 8	Oct. 7
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	28, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 66A, 67, 68A, 74B, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 7	Nov. 6
Deer Archery, Rifle, Shotgun Muzzle-loader Open Seasons	43A, 43B	Nov. 21	Nov. 20

Changes are proposed that will establish new 6 day muzzle-loader seasons commencing on the first Monday in December in WMUs 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67 and 69B (Kemptville office). Contact the office for details.

Changes are proposed that will establish a new one week rifle season for WMU 67 (Kemptville office) in the 3rd week of November. Contact the office for details.

Changes are proposed that will establish new non-resident (bucks only) seasons for WMUs 39, 42 (Sudbury office), and 41 (North Bay office). Contact the offices for details.

ATTENTION HUNTERS

When you are in the forest you may come across burning piles of logging debris and brush known as slash piles.

Slash pile burning is an approved forest practice which is carried out in order to prepare thousands of hectares for replanting and reduce the risk of wildfires during the spring and summer months. Slash from logging operations is piled along the roads and is burned during the fall. The burnt piles may smoulder for many days but are monitored by trained personnel.

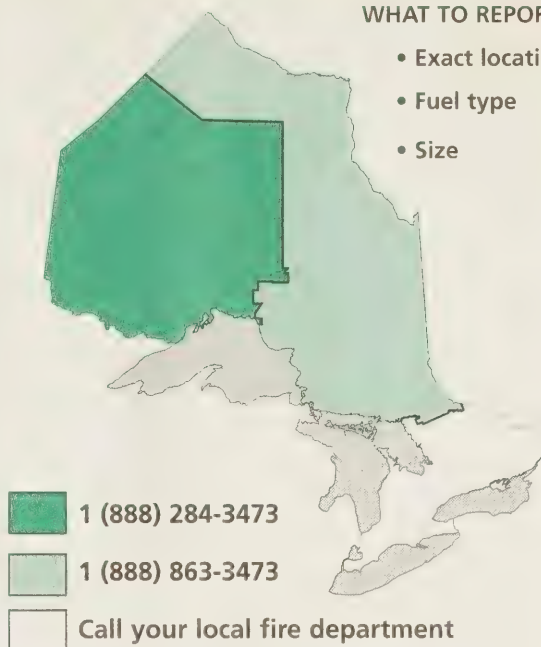
If you would like to know whether slash pile burning operations will be going on where you hunt, contact the local MNR district office or the office of the company that holds the Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) for that area. The Slash Pile Burn Plan and a map of the sites to be burned are available for viewing at both these locations.

If you see *uncontrolled* burning, you can help by reporting the details to the nearest forest company office or by calling the numbers indicated on the map.

REPORT FOREST FIRES

WHAT TO REPORT

- Exact location
- Fuel type
- Size



Ontario Hunters – A Message From Your Conservation Officer

When hunting or fishing in Ontario, we know that it is possible to make a mistake or to get caught in a set of circumstances that may put you in violation. If you find yourself in such a situation, it is important that you seek out your local Conservation Officer and discuss your situation as soon as possible. At all times this must be done before any animals are moved or the area in question is otherwise contaminated. At the same time, we share the concern that all responsible hunters have about those who would steal or abuse our resources.

We firmly believe that we can make a difference in protecting our resources. But we can only be really effective with your help and co-operation:

- Don't let your silence be a poacher's ally. Speak up and let your peers know what you think of illegal or unethical behaviour.
- Report violations! Call your MNR district office, tell your local Conservation Officer, or call Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-TIPS). While we may not be able to respond immediately on every occasion, knowing these offences are occurring can assist in planning effective enforcement activities.
- Get involved! Join a local Guardian, Riverwatch, or Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Project. Join your local fish and game club, cottage association or community group and work with us to ensure that the same resources that you and I benefit from today will be here for future generations.

Conservation Officers enjoy speaking with you, the responsible resource user. We value your input on MNR programs and we appreciate your assistance in identifying and apprehending violators. Let's continue to work together to ensure all outdoor enthusiasts follow the regulations.

Have a safe and successful hunting season.

Your local Conservation Officer

Hunters – Are You Moving Firewood?

The Ministry of Natural Resources would like to remind hunters that they may accidentally cause a threat to the health of Ontario's forests by moving firewood from their home to their favourite hunting area. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) strictly controls the movement of firewood from pest-regulated areas of Canada. Firewood may contain insect and plant diseases that could easily spread to other forest locations if you move firewood from your home to your campsite.

Of particular concern are the Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer; both are recent arrivals to Canada and without natural controls here. While the Emerald Ash Borer is currently believed confined to southwestern Ontario and southeastern Michigan where it has killed millions of ash trees, the movement of firewood has been implicated in its rapid spread in both the US and Canada over the past year. As a result, at the

time of printing of this summary, the CFIA has placed all of Essex County under quarantine. Please check with the CFIA by phone to receive the most up to date information on Counties that are currently under quarantine. Both insects can be easily spread in firewood, which may look normal, but still be infested with the insects.

Hunters, you can assist in protecting the health of the forest by contacting your local CFIA office **prior to moving any firewood**. The best way to protect your forest is to use local firewood from the area where you are hunting.

The CFIA can be reached at **1-800-442-2342**, or **519 837-9400**. You can also visit their website: www.inspection.gc.ca

If you need additional information you can also contact your local MNR office for assistance.

The Abuse of Natural Resources. What Can You Do About It?

There is obviously a limit on the number of birds, animals, fish, and other resources that may be available for our use. If we take more than this limit, we threaten the sustainability of our resources.

MNR helps ensure that this does not happen by creating laws that make certain that natural resources are sustained for the future.

We know approximately 90 per cent of all hunters comply with the regulations.

However, people who break protection laws:

- Steal opportunities to harvest fish and game;
- Steal opportunities to enjoy the outdoors;
- Create negative images of resource users among the public.

How Can You Help Stop Resource Abuse?

- By watching for illegal activities;
- By reporting suspicious activity;
- By "getting involved."

Crime Stoppers calls are all anonymous. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display.

Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards up to \$1,000.00.

Is there any reason to allow your natural resources to be stolen?

Crime Stoppers
Échec au crime



Anonymous Tips • Cash Rewards
Information • anonymat • récompense

How can you stop resource abuse? By Calling
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

By calling Crime Stoppers, you accept your responsibility to protect natural resources and the opportunity to enjoy them, for present and future resource users.

Applying to the Draw for a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for a controlled deer validation tag. Tags are randomly assigned by computer. Each hunter who receives a tag in the draw is permitted to hunt a deer in the WMU specified on the tag during the period indicated.

Hunters who are not successful in the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag may not participate in the controlled deer hunt. (**NOTE:** Hunter Apprentices may participate in a controlled hunt if hunting in the approved apprentice/mentor fashion with a mentor who has a controlled deer hunt validation tag.)

Hunters who are applying to the controlled deer draw do not have to purchase a deer licence prior to applying to the draw. However, hunters who receive a tag in the draw must purchase a deer licence (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) before they can hunt in the controlled hunt.

There are two ways to enter the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag:

- by telephone; or,
- by paper application to a Ministry of Natural Resources office.

NOTE: If you are applying for a controlled deer hunt validation tag as a Farmer/Landowner, you must apply with a paper application to the MNR office with jurisdiction for the WMU in which you wish to hunt. For more information on Farmer/Landowner applications, see page 76.

Your chance of being drawn for a controlled deer hunt validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application, and both application methods are free of charge. **Choose one method only** – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

Draw applicants who wish to hunt in a party should apply as a group (using one application form) rather than as individuals. (The benefit of this is that if your group application is selected in the computerized draw, **every hunter** listed on your application will receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The applicant who hunts in a party but applies as an individual risks being the only hunter in the party who is successful, or unsuccessful, in the draw.) The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices that offer controlled deer hunts. For a list of MNR offices that offer controlled deer hunts, refer to page 77.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2004.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at an MNR office is 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2004.

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

You will need a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to apply to the controlled deer draw.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, the quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- with a call to the toll-free, automated **Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155**; or,
- by connecting to the Internet renewal site at:
<http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca>.

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the controlled deer draw or return your paper application to an MNR office.

For more information on renewal options see page 9.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, call the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** or go on the Internet at: <http://outdoorscard.mnr.gov.on.ca> and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your tag at your new address if you are successful in the draw.

See the 2003 Controlled Deer Validation Tag Draw Results table on page 78 for a general indication of the chances of receiving a controlled deer hunt validation tag in 2004. Selecting a WMU that offers a large number of tags and has relatively few applicants will increase a hunter's chance of getting a validation tag in the draw.

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience the MNR offers you the opportunity to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag with a toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **August 4, 2004 to 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2004**. There is no fee for this application service.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- a Touch-Tone telephone;
- a valid hunting version Outdoors Card;
- the 2004 Hunt Code representing the first and (optional) second choice Wildlife Management Units and seasons to which you would like to apply; and,
- if applying as part of a group, you will need to have decided with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member. (If you call in as the Group Leader, you will be given a Group Reference Number to identify your group. If you are a Group Member, you will be asked for the Group Reference Number provided to the Group Leader so your group can be identified.)

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone application system, hunters must decide – prior to calling – which type of applicant they are. If your group is using the telephone application system, every member of the group must apply to the draw by telephone.

There are three types of draw applicants:

- Group Leader • Group Member • Individual

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to calling. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of three Group Members plus the Group Leader.

GROUP LEADER – The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2004 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

GROUP MEMBERS – Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw. Each Group Member will be given a Confirmation Number.

INDIVIDUALS – Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2004 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) Each individual will be given a Confirmation Number.

Tips for Applying by Telephone

As telephone application systems become more common in the big game draw program, we offer these tips to help hunters identify and take advantage of the times when call volumes are usually lower. Keep these guidelines in mind when planning your call:

- the telephone application system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on the day of the deadline for applications;
- **do not leave your call until the day of the deadline!** The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try;
- telephone on a weekend, if possible. We often experience lower call volumes on weekends; and,
- on weekdays, our telephone lines are generally least busy early in the day and late in the day.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (EDT) on August 31, 2004.

Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Hunt Codes for the 2004 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System

WMU	Season Dates for 2004	Hunt Code	Conditions	
			A=Archery R=Rifles	SG=Shotguns ML=Muzzle-loaders
53B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 4	300		SG, ML only
69A2	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	301		SG, ML only
70	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	302		SG, ML only
72A	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	303		A, ML only
73	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	304		A, ML only
74A	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	305		A, ML only
75	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	306		A, ML only
76A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	307		R, SG, ML
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	308		R, SG, ML
76B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	309		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	310		SG, ML only
76C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	311		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	312		SG, ML only
76D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	313		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	314		SG, ML only
76E	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	315		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	316		ML only
77B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	317		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	318		SG, ML only
77C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	319		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	320		SG, ML only
78A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	321		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	322		SG, ML only
78B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	323		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	324		SG, ML only
79C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	325		SG, ML only
79D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	326		SG, ML only
80	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	327		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	328		A, ML only
81A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	329		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	330		SG, ML only
81B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	331		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	332		SG, ML only
85A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	333		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	334		SG, ML only
85B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	335		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	336		SG, ML only
85C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	337		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	338		SG, ML only
86A	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	339		SG, ML only
86B	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	340		SG, ML only
87B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	341		SG, ML only
87C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	342		SG, ML only
87D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	343		SG, ML only
87E	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	344		SG, ML only
89A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	345		SG, ML only
89B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	346		SG, ML only
90A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	347		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	348		SG, ML only
90B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	349		SG, ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	350		SG, ML only
91A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	351		SG, ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	352		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	353		SG, ML only
91B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	354		SG, ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	355		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	356		SG, ML only
92A	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	357		ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	358		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	359		ML only
92B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	360		ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	361		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	362		ML only
92C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	363		ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	364		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	365		ML only
92D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	366		ML only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	367		ML only
	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	368		ML only
93A	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	369		SG, ML only
93B	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	370		SG, ML only
94B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 2	371		SG, ML only

** WMU 69A2 will be referred to as 69A during the telephone draw entry call.

* Controlled Hunt Validation Tags for the December hunt in units marked with an asterisk (*) are valid for ANTLERED DEER ONLY.

GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2004 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 74.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call 1-800-288-1155 between August 4 and August 31, 2004. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card number is:

708158 _____

STEP 5 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with a seven-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number: _____

STEP 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

STEP 8 As the last step for the Group Leader, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.

Before the call you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader) and your Outdoors Card Number.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between August 4 and August 31, 2004. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number: _____

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card number is:

708158 _____

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and season choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your confirmation number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: _____

STEP 7 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have been applied to your group (including yourself).

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.

Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2004 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 74.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between August 4 and August 31, 2004. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (EDT), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an Individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card number is:

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STEP 4 After the prompts, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 5 Stay on the line while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your confirmation number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: _____

STEP 6 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, you should call, as soon as possible during regular business hours, the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.



Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag using a paper application may obtain an application from MNR district and area offices that offer controlled deer hunts. For a list of Wildlife Management Units in which controlled deer hunts will be held, see page 77.

The paper application has spaces on it for up to four hunters to apply to a controlled hunt as a group. The same application may be used by an individual hunter. Individuals have the same chance to receive a tag as group applicants.

To be eligible for the draw, your completely and correctly filled out paper application and the carbon copy must be received at an MNR district or area office by the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2004. If your application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, it is suggested that you allow at least five business days for its delivery. All late applications will be rejected from the draw without exception.

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone, or if you are a member of a group which has decided to apply by telephone.

You Will Be Disqualified From this Year's Draw If:

- more than one application (either by phone or on paper) is submitted in your name;
- your Outdoors Card is not valid;
- the application is not complete (for example, if the sub-unit of the WMU, or season choice is not indicated where necessary);
- the application is for an invalid WMU or season;
- the writing is not legible;
- the application is received late; or,
- your hunting licence privileges are under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about your application, or the application process, more information is available from MNR district and area offices that offer controlled deer hunts. For a list of MNR offices that offer controlled deer hunts, refer to page 77.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Line at **1-800-288-1155** to determine the results of the Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw. This automated line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from October 15 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Tags

Only successful draw applicants will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the draw, but have not received your

validation tag, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources office which serves your area. You can get a duplicate validation tag through any ministry office that administers a controlled deer hunt only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

With your tag you will receive a Controlled Deer Hunt Report. **It is mandatory that every person who receives a controlled deer hunt validation tag complete and return the Report to the MNR office which offered the hunt** (see address on the back of the Report) **within two weeks of the hunt**. On the form you will be asked to report the number of deer and wild turkeys you saw while hunting, as well as details of your deer harvest.

Farmer and Landowner Deadline for a Controlled Hunt Validation Tag

Farmers and landowners may submit one (1) application for a controlled deer hunt validation tag if:

- they own 20 hectares (50 acres) or more of land in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is offering a controlled hunt;
- OR**
- their occupation is farming and they have an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Farm Business Registration Number (or letter of exemption from the Farm Organization Accreditation Tribunal) in a WMU that is offering a controlled hunt;
- OR**
- they are the owner or the sole designated representative (president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary) of a company which owns a parcel of land of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more in the WMU that is offering a controlled deer hunt.

Farmers and landowners meeting one of these criteria will be issued a validation tag if:

- they hold a valid hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and a licence to hunt deer;
- AND**
- they submit an application to the MNR office that administers the controlled hunt they wish to take part in **before 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2004.**

An immediate relative of the farmer or landowner meeting the above criteria also qualifies to receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. An application signed by the **landowner** must be submitted to the MNR office that administers the controlled hunt in which the hunter wishes to take part. "Immediate relative" when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse (or same-sex partner), child, sibling or grandchild.

Deer Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers* (No Dogs)

You must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag before participating in these hunts.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
53B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
69A2, 70	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
72A, 73, 74A, 75	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only
76A*	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	No season	Rifle, shotgun and muzzle-loading guns only
76B*, 76C*, 76D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
76E*	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
77A**, 77B*, 77C, 78A, 78B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
79C, 79D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
80	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
80	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Archery and muzzle-loading guns only
81A, 81B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 5 Nov. 29 to Dec. 3	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
85A, 85B, 85C	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
86A, 86B	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
91A, 91B	Nov. 15 to Nov. 20	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 15 to Nov. 20 Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
93A, 93B	Nov. 29 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
93C	Contact Chatham Area Office	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
94B	Nov. 1 to Nov. 2	No season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only

* Validation tags for the December hunt in units marked with an asterisk (*) are for antlered deer only.

** Hunt administered by CFB Borden.

Changes have been proposed to add a second one week season in WMU 89 commencing the first Monday following November 28. Contact the Vineland office for details.

For more information on the following WMUs contact the MNR district/area offices listed below:

53B contact Bracebridge office	80, 87 contact Guelph office
69A, 70 contact Kingston office	85, 86 contact Clinton office
72A, 73, 74A, 75 contact Peterborough office	89 contact Vineland office
76, 77, 81 contact Midhurst office	90, 91, 92 contact Aylmer office
78, 79 contact Aurora office	93, 94 contact Chatham office

Telephone numbers and addresses for the above ministry offices are listed on page 95 of this booklet.

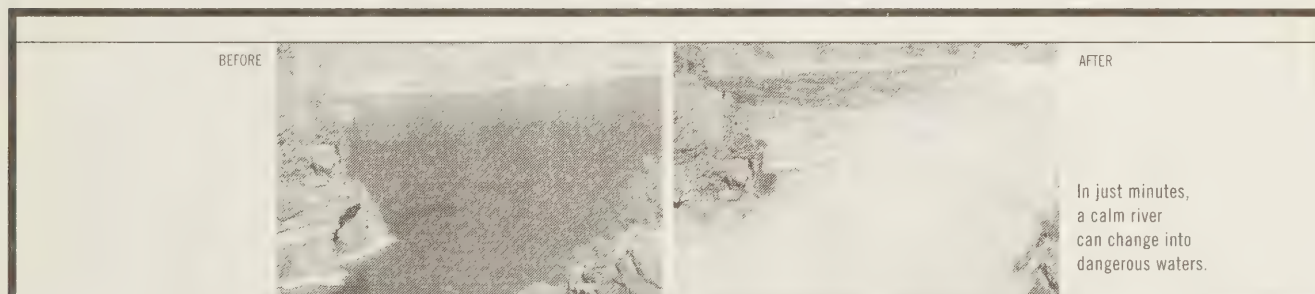
2003 Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw Results

WMU	Season	Quota	1st Choice	2nd Choice	Successful		Tags Remaining	% Chance	
					Choice 1	Choice 2		Choice 1	Choice 2
53B	1	100	223	49	108	0	-8	45	0
69A	2	600	879	209	605	0	-5	68	0
70	2	800	1257	220	800	0	0	64	0
72A	2	120	189	45	122	0	-2	63	0
73	2	400	402	135	401	0	-1	100	0
74A	2	70	53	48	53	0	17	100	100
75	2	210	76	57	76	10	124	100	100
76A	1	425	395	137	395	5	25	100	100
76A	2	100	145	165	101	0	-1	69	0
76B	1	375	312	204	312	12	51	100	100
76B	2	125	132	159	125	0	0	95	0
76C	1	600	633	176	599	0	1	95	0
76C	2	100	185	256	102	0	-2	54	0
76D	1	350	324	133	324	6	20	100	100
76D	2	150	199	166	150	0	0	75	0
76E	1	40	6	9	6	0	34	100	100
76E	2	40	13	12	13	0	27	100	100
77B	1	550	681	223	558	0	-8	81	0
77B	2	150	200	233	153	0	-3	75	0
77C	1	250	325	99	256	0	-6	77	0
77C	2	60	121	144	61	0	-1	50	0
78A	1	500	523	220	500	0	0	96	0
78A	2	450	427	294	427	8	15	100	100
78B	1	550	547	206	547	6	-3	100	100
78B	2	450	392	365	392	10	48	100	100
79C	1	400	278	118	278	5	117	100	100
79D	1	175	103	66	103	0	72	100	100
80	1	2,000	1,985	370	1,985	9	6	100	100
80	2	350	121	191	121	3	226	100	100
81A	1	550	616	269	550	0	0	89	0
81A	2	150	76	217	76	26	48	100	100
81B	1	800	685	281	685	27	88	100	100
81B	2	500	298	241	298	7	195	100	100
85A	1	600	561	250	561	2	37	100	100
85A	2	375	296	228	296	4	75	100	100
85B	1	1,100	1,070	311	1,070	1	29	100	100
85B	2	550	413	436	413	0	137	100	100
85C	1	575	517	154	517	0	58	100	100
85C	2	325	279	203	279	0	46	100	100
86A	2	375	339	229	339	10	26	100	100
86B	2	350	379	107	351	0	-1	92	0
87B	1	450	377	162	377	0	73	100	100
87C	1	350	251	248	251	0	99	100	100
87D	1	700	637	272	637	4	59	100	100
87E	1	300	281	175	281	6	13	100	100
89A	1	1,200	1,018	359	1,018	13	169	100	100
89B	1	1,400	1,511	660	1,406	0	-6	93	0
90A	1	450	492	357	448	0	2	91	0
90A	2	450	494	435	454	0	-4	91	0
90B	1	1,200	1,059	536	1,059	3	138	100	100
90B	2	1200	1,128	787	1,128	14	58	100	100
91A	1	500	404	139	404	0	96	100	100
91A	2	100	41	116	36	0	64	100	100
91A	3	450	337	152	337	0	113	100	100
91B	1	550	483	233	483	1	66	100	100
91B	2	100	70	190	55	0	45	100	100
91B	3	550	467	198	466	11	73	100	100
92A	1	200	148	67	148	1	51	100	100
92A	2	200	180	167	177	1	22	100	100
92A	3	250	154	78	153	4	93	100	100
92B	1	550	518	137	518	1	31	100	100
92B	2	350	357	522	333	0	17	98	0
92B	3	450	388	148	388	24	38	100	100
92C	1	300	235	74	235	0	65	100	100
92C	2	200	127	238	127	0	73	100	100
92C	3	200	181	49	181	0	19	100	100
92D	1	450	375	109	375	0	75	100	100
92D	2	250	181	409	174	4	72	100	100
92D	3	350	293	72	292	7	51	100	100
93A	2	300	610	176	304	0	-4	49	0
93B	2	75	95	99	75	0	0	79	0
Totals		30,815	29,547	14,999	27,428	245	3,197		

Tentative Controlled Deer Hunt Season Start Dates for 2005 and 2006

Season	WMU(s)	2005 Start	2006 Start
Deer Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76A	Season 1 – Nov. 7 Season 3 – Dec. 5	Season 1 – Nov. 6 Season 3 – Dec. 4
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	53B, 79C, 79D, 80, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B	Nov. 7	Nov. 6
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76B, 76C, 76D, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B, 85A, 85B, 85C, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Season 1 – Nov. 7 Season 3 – Dec. 5	Season 1 – Nov. 6 Season 3 – Dec. 4
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	69A2, 70, 86A, 86B, 93A, 93B	Dec. 5	Dec. 4
Deer Shotgun, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	94B	No Season	Nov. 6
Deer Archery, Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	72A, 73, 74A, 75, 80	Dec. 5	Dec. 4
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	76E	Season 1 – Nov. 7 Season 3 – Dec. 5	Season 1 – Nov. 6 Season 3 – Dec. 4
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	91A, 91B	Season 2 – Nov. 21	Season 2 – Nov. 20
Deer Muzzle-loader Controlled Seasons	92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Season 1 – Nov. 7 Season 2 – Nov. 21 Season 3 – Dec. 5	Season 1 – Nov. 6 Season 2 – Nov. 20 Season 3 – Dec. 4

Changes have been proposed to add a second one week season in WMU 89 commencing the first Monday following November 28. Contact the Vineland office for details.



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Black Bear Seasons and Other Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear \$34.00

2. Non-resident's licence to hunt black bear. . . . \$170.00

Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the report that comes with the certificate and return it to the issuer of the certificate by the date indicated.

3. Dog licence \$9.75

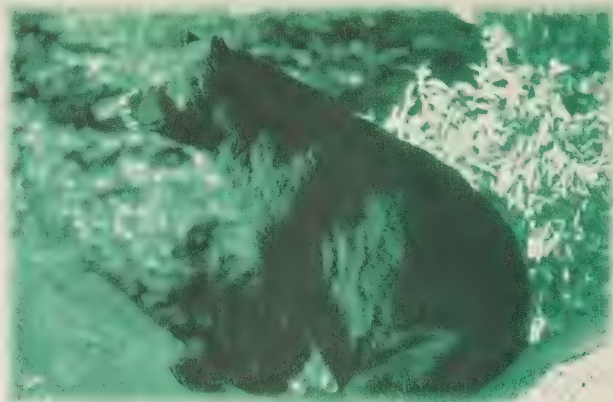
4. Licence to provide bear hunting services \$35.00

Non-resident's Export Permit Fee \$35.00

(also see Export and Shipping)

Resident's Export Permit issued at no charge.

CITES Export Permit issued at no charge. For more information on CITES see www.cites.ca.



Firearms

Big game, including black bears, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). If you are hunting deer or moose at the same time you are hunting black bear, you may only use or carry a firearm of the type permitted for deer or moose as the case may be, at that time in that WMU.

The following **cannot** be used for hunting black bear:

- a rim-fire rifle;
- a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot; and,
- any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.

When archery hunting, bows must meet the following specifications.

Crossbows:

- draw length must be at least 300 mm (11.8 in.);
- draw weight must be at least 54 kg (119 lbs.);
- bolt head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

Longbows:

- draw weight must be at least 22 kg (48.5 lbs.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less;
- arrow length must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.);
- arrow head must be at least 22 mm (0.87 in.) at the widest point; and,
- there must be at least two cutting edges of straight, sharp, unserrated, barbless steel.

For information on measuring draw length and arrow length, refer to page 14 under "Firearms".

Other Black Bear Hunting Regulations

You may not hunt black bears while they are swimming.

You may not hunt black bears within 400 m (437 yd.) of a waste disposal site, regardless of whether the land is Crown or private.

You may not shoot or interfere with black bears in their dens or damage or destroy their dens.

You cannot possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the bear carcass. Leave the gallbladder with the entrails after field dressing your bear.

Dogs used to hunt a black bear or accompanying you when hunting a bear must be licensed.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents must have an Ontario export permit to export a black bear or any part thereof from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most MNR offices in the area where the animal has been taken. You should obtain the necessary export permits before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience. A resident may temporarily transport a black bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario and does not leave any part of the black bear outside Ontario.

A non-resident must pay \$35.00 for an export permit.

Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

Except as outlined below, a resident or non-resident black bear hunter must also obtain a CITES export permit through an MNR office when a black bear or its parts are being exported from Canada. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals including black bears, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them.

A Canadian CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. or Canadian resident bear hunters transporting their black bear in a fresh, frozen or salted condition, back to the U.S. or through the U.S. en route to another part of Canada at the conclusion of their hunt. The trophy must be part of the hunter's accompanying baggage. Note: trophies sent as cargo, even if on the same flight as the hunter, are considered commercial and must be accompanied by CITES permits. This exemption does not apply to taxidermy trophies or black bears that are in any condition other than fresh, frozen or salted.

CITES export permits are still required for ALL black bear exports to countries other than the United States.

CITES permits are not normally available near border crossings and consequently hunters are advised to obtain any required permits from a source closest to where they are hunting. In some instances, both a CITES and a Provincial Export permit are required.

CITES export permits are available free of charge. In some countries, importation of black bears is restricted. Requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

For more information on CITES see www.cites.ca.

Non-residents

A non-resident who wishes to hunt a black bear in Ontario must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate to validate a non-resident black bear hunting licence. This certificate can be obtained from a tourist operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed in Ontario to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed tourist operator:

- Non-residents who hunt with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt a black bear in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that has an open season for non-residents. Immediate relative when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse (or same-sex partner), child, sibling or grandchild.
- Non-residents who are owners of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents.

Non-residents who qualify under either of these two exceptions MUST still apply for the certificate at an MNR office in the area of the hunt. A non-resident bear hunting licence is not valid unless a validation certificate accompanies it. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one certificate will be issued. The non-resident landowner can hunt only in the WMU where the property is located. See also Licence and Tag Information, page 7.

A non-resident hunter using the bear hunting services of an operator licensed to provide black bear hunting services must hunt only in the areas designated on the Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate issued to him/her by the operator. These areas can include Crown land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) assigned to the operator, private land located within a BMA assigned to the operator and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The licence to provide bear hunting services does not permit the operator to provide hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have permission of the landowner in order to provide bear hunting services to clients on private land.

Resident hunters are not restricted to BMAs and may hunt anywhere on Crown land, or on private land with the owner's permission.

FAST FACTS

Black Bears in Ontario

- Ontario has one of the largest black bear populations in North America.
- The distribution of bears has remained largely unchanged since the time of European settlement when forests in southern Ontario were first cleared. An increase in bear sightings south of the Canadian Shield over the past few decades suggests that they may be re-colonizing these areas, likely due to an increase in suitable habitat.
- Black bear is a valuable big game species. In addition to being a valued recreational activity for both residents and non-residents, bear hunting contributes significantly to the provincial economy. The sale of black bear hunting licences in Ontario generated a total of \$1,511,000 in revenue in 2002. Non-resident bear hunters are required to use the services of an operator licensed to provide bear hunting services.
- Black bears have very low reproductive rates: females have their first litter between five and nine years of age, litters are born every second year at best, and the survival of cubs and yearlings is low. This means that allowable harvest rates must be closely monitored.



- Since bears cannot be easily counted, indicators of annual harvest are very important. For this reason, it is important that hunters complete annual hunter survey questionnaires. These surveys provide essential harvest information that is used for wildlife management.
- It is also important for managers to know the age structure of the bear population. This is done by aging the premolar teeth of harvested bears. The co-operation of hunters in providing bear premolar teeth is appreciated.

HATS FOR HIDES – Conservation through Co-operation

Deer hides are valuable and can be made into deerskin products. By donating the hide from your deer (or moose or bear) you can fully use your animal, prevent waste of the hide, and provide economic benefits to First Nations artisans.

Your hide is needed.

Please donate your properly prepared hide in good condition to one of our depots this fall.

Have a question regarding the 2004 Hats for Hides Program? Contact M'TIWA-KI Services at 1-888-873-3319 or visit our website at www.hatsforhides.com

ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag that contains phone number 1-866-514-2327, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

Party Hunting for Black Bear

PLEASE NOTE: Regulation changes have been introduced around the definition of party hunting for the 2004 hunting season.

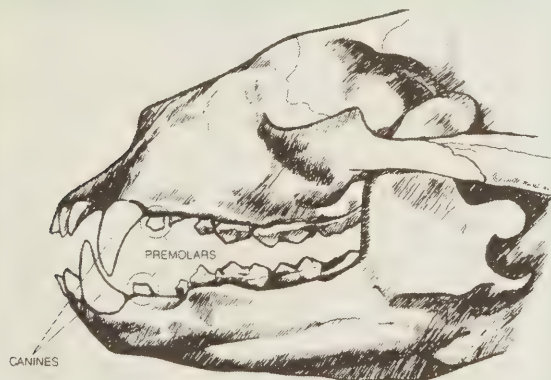
The term "party hunting for black bear" now means two or more persons hunting during an open season for black bear **under all of the following conditions:**

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt black bear.
- The total number of black bears killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt black bear.
- **All members of the party hunt together in the same wildlife management unit as the person who holds the valid seal.**
- **Each member of the party hunts within 5 kilometers of the person who holds the seal that is valid for the black bear being hunted.**
- **Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.**

The person who kills the black bear while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the black bear has been killed.

HELP THE MINISTRY COLLECT BEAR HARVEST INFORMATION

Black bear hunters can assist the Ministry of Natural Resources by submitting two premolar teeth from their bears for analysis.



The teeth will be examined to determine the age of the animals in the provincial harvest. In return for this support of MNR management efforts, you will be provided with an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest. Please contact the MNR office in the area in which you will be hunting, or your bear operator, for more information.

A person may hunt in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her seal to a black bear.

Sealing and Transporting Black Bears

Once you have killed a black bear, you must immediately after the kill and at the kill site securely attach the game seal to the animal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.

You must notch out the month, date and time of the kill on the game seal.

If party hunting for bear, the member whose seal is to be used must immediately after the kill and at the kill site securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the seal to the black bear. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a black bear.

You cannot possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the bear carcass. Leave the gallbladder with the entrails upon gutting your bear.

SEALING BLACK BEAR

Instructions for attaching the Black Bear Seal



1. Pierce the cartilage separating the nostrils.
2. Insert the string/twine through the hole such that the two ends are left exposed.
3. Peel the backing from the seal.
4. Place the seal over the string/twine as in illustration.
5. Press the surfaces together to seal securely.
6. Notch out the month, date and time of the kill.

2004 Black Bear Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Archery and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Aug. 15 to Oct. 15	Aug. 15 to Oct. 15	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	
7A	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Archery and muzzle-loaders only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 64, 66, 67, 69A, 69B, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 83, the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in 82A and the geographic township of Amabel in 84	Sept. 7 to Nov. 30	Sept. 7 to Nov. 30	
48, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	

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THE EASTERN HABITAT JOINT VENTURE

An International Wetland Conservation Partnership



*North American Waterfowl
Management Plan
Plan nord-américain de
gestion de la sauvagine
Plan de Manejo de Aves
Acuáticas de Norteamérica*

In May 1986, Canada signed the North American Waterfowl Management Plan with the United States. This event marked the beginning of one of the most successful conservation partnerships of the century. In 1994, Mexico joined the partnership and the initiative became truly continental in scope. By this time, the Plan was well on its way to protecting wetlands and restoring waterfowl populations to their 1970's levels.

Ontario became a partner in the Plan in 1989 with the creation of the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV), one of 15 habitat "joint ventures" established across the continent to implement the Plan in areas of particular significance to waterfowl.

Canadian partners in the Ontario EHJV are Ducks Unlimited Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Service, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Migratory bird hunters also contribute through the licences and permits they

purchase. Other important contributors are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, some U.S. states, Ducks Unlimited Inc. and The Nature Conservancy. In fact, roughly half of the funds spent on Ontario's EHJV program come from U.S. sources.

Over the past 16 years, Ontario's EHJV partners have received more than \$50 million in funding from U.S. sources, which, when combined with Canadian contributions, has enabled partners to secure and/or enhance more than 800,000 acres.

For more information on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, visit <http://www.nawmp.ca>.

For additional information on Ontario's EHJV program, contact the Wildlife Section of MNR's Fish & Wildlife Branch at 705-755-1963.

Trapping and the Ontario Fur Managers Federation

Since 1997, the Ontario Fur Managers Federation, representing some 5,000 Ontario trappers, has operated under a formal agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to administer certain components of Ontario's wild fur program. Included in this is the issuance of trapping licenses, compilation of mandatory harvest report data and delivery of the mandatory trapper education program.

All first time trappers, and trappers who have not held a license in the previous five years, are required to successfully complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course, with components that include furbearer biology and management, humane and efficient trapping methods, and proper pelt preparation techniques.

The Federation maintains a database of over 100 certified trapper education instructors located throughout the province. Under the administration of the Federation, some 227 courses have been conducted since 1997, ensuring that Ontario's trappers are among the best trained in the country. Students participating in the course receive the 220-page Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course manual, a valuable reference for novice and experienced trappers alike.

All non-native trappers can obtain their trapping licenses through the Ontario Fur Managers Federation, and those native trappers who choose to do so may also obtain their licenses in this way. Membership in the Federation is voluntary, available to all

licensed trappers. Over 90 per cent of all trappers who obtain their trapping licenses through the Federation have chosen to become members. Harvest reporting of all furbearers taken under the authority of trapping licenses is mandatory on an annual basis, and a pre-requisite of licensing in subsequent years.

The Federation and the MNR jointly maintain a database of over 3,000 trappers who have indicated a willingness to assist farmers, landowners and other Ontario citizens who may be experiencing problems caused by wild furbearers, e.g. beaver flooding fields, coyote predation on livestock. Anyone experiencing such problems can contact the Ontario Fur Managers Federation for assistance.

To obtain a trapping license; arrange attendance at a Fur Harvest, Fur Management or Conservation Course; or to obtain assistance in resolving problem furbearer complaints, contact:



Ontario Fur Managers Federation
531 Second Line East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4K2
Phone: (705) 254-3338
Fax: (705) 254-3297
E-mail: furman@furmanagers.com

For more information on the Ontario Fur Managers Federation, trapping, or Ontario's vast and abundant wild furbearer resource, visit the OFMF website www.furmanagers.com.



Ducks Unlimited Canada

Conserving wetlands for waterfowl, wildlife and people

Our Mission

Ducks Unlimited Canada conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. We believe that the key to healthy waterfowl and wildlife populations is to ensure that there is abundant habitat. Our singular focus has enabled us to conserve close to one million acres of wetland habitat in Ontario.

Our History

In 1938, a group of concerned waterfowl hunters recognized the importance of Canada's wetland habitats to waterfowl populations. In an effort to conserve these critical habitats, they formed Ducks Unlimited the world's leading wetland conservation organization. In 1975, Ducks Unlimited Canada began full-time conservation efforts in Ontario. Thanks to the continued support of waterfowl hunters and other conservation-minded individuals, as well as partnerships with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Canadian Wildlife Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other government and non-government organizations, we have nearly 700 wetland habitat projects across Ontario.

Ontario's Future

Ducks Unlimited Canada works every day to save wetland habitat in Ontario. Alarming, the rate of loss threatens to outpace our efforts - especially in southern Ontario where some areas have lost up to 90% of wetland habitat.

Conserving wildlife habitat in a province that is home to 38% of the nation's population and where much of the land is privately owned is a huge undertaking. We need your help to ensure that outdoors enthusiasts can continue to enjoy Ontario's natural heritage in their own communities.

Join us today!

For more information on Ducks Unlimited Canada and our wetland conservation programs, please call 1-888-402-4444, email us at du_barrie@ducks.ca or write us at 566 Welham Road, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 8Z7.

Small Game Seasons and Other Regulations

Licence Fees (GST is included in all fees)

1. **Resident's licence tag to hunt small game** **\$18.00**
This licence is valid for a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey), game mammals (except bear, caribou, deer, elk, moose). Under this licence you may also hunt coyote, wolf, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, gray fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. You also need it to hunt on hunting preserves. A small game licence also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings.
2. **Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night** **\$16.50**
If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your raccoon licence and your Outdoors Card that has a small game licence tag attached. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle for hunting raccoon at night. You must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting.
3. **Resident's dog (raccoon) licence** **\$9.75**
4. **Non-resident's small game licence** **\$85.00**
This licence authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf, coyote and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbirds or starlings. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident small game licence.

A non-resident licence does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham/Kent, or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.
5. **Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve** **\$15.00**
To hunt game birds including wild turkeys on a game bird hunting preserve only, a non-resident must have this licence.

Firearms

In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear, if you are the holder of a small game licence you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be. The above does not apply to the holder of a small game licence, hunting small game only south of the French and Mattawa Rivers during an open season for deer that is restricted to the use of bows.

If using non-toxic shot, you may not use steel shot larger than triple BBB steel shot, or bismuth shot that is larger than double BB bismuth shot.

The above does not apply where there is an open season for hunting deer with a bow only.

You may not use a rifle of greater calibre than .275, except a flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading gun, for hunting small game in the counties of: Brant, Elgin, Essex, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Chatham/ Kent, Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and the City of Toronto.

Export and Shipping

Small game with the exception of furbearing mammals (see page 89) may be exported on the small game licence. Receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

Game Birds

You may hunt and possess wild turkey, pheasant, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, ptarmigan, Hungarian partridge and northern bobwhite. Check the tables for bag and possession limits. **You require a special licence to hunt wild turkey.**

You may only hunt game birds identified in the tables. In addition, residents may hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, starling and house sparrows.

Migratory Game Birds

The Migratory Birds Convention Act and its regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. **It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400 m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days.**

When transporting migratory game birds, a fully feathered wing must remain attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption.

Migratory Game Bird Licensing (waterfowl, common moorhens, American coots, common snipe, woodcock and rails [other than yellow and king rails])

You must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well

as an Ontario licence to hunt small game in order to take migratory game birds. This includes hunting with falconry birds and non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at most post offices. See 14 for more information regarding falconry.

Specially Protected Birds

You must not shoot specially protected birds or interfere with the eggs and nests of game birds and specially protected birds. (See Glossary, page 93 and Endangered Species, page 18).

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt pheasant, northern bobwhite and wild turkey throughout the year on game bird hunting preserves. You must arrange with the owner as to when you can hunt. Ontario residents need a licence to hunt small game when hunting on a preserve.

A non-resident hunter needs a non-resident licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve. This tag may be either a non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve or a non-resident's licence to hunt small game.

Pheasant			
TOWNSHIP/MUNICIPALITY LICENCES – A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting pheasants in a regulated township (see maps). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions. Hunting of pheasants with a rifle is prohibited.			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Hours
2-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
60A, 68, 69A, 70-77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
78	Oct. 13 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
88	Oct. 27 to Nov. 6	3 cocks	8 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset
79, 80, 87	Oct. 20 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 20 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
93	Oct. 27 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
94	Oct. 27 to Oct. 30	2 cocks	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
95	Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29, Nov. 4, 5 Jan. 1 to the last day of February, in any year	Daily & Possession Limit 10 of either sex 5 of either sex	
			8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
			1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Changes are being proposed that would extend the pheasant season for WMU 95 (Pele Island). Contact the Chatham office for details.

Sharp-Tailed Grouse and Ptarmigan

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Mar. 31 of the next year	For all WMUs: 5 sharp-tailed grouse and 5 ptarmigan	For all WMUs: 15 sharp-tailed grouse and 15 ptarmigan
2-9, 11-16, 19, 20, 21	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
10, 32-39, 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
17, 18, 22-31, 40	Sept. 15 to Mar. 31 of the next year		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		

Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Dec. 31	For all WMUs: combined total of 5	For all WMUs: combined total of 15
2-31	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
32-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		
72-92	Sept. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year		
93	Oct. 27 to Jan. 15 of the next year		

Changes are being considered that would extend the ruffed and spruce grouse seasons to December 31 in WMUs 32-34 (Wawa Office), 44 and 45 (Sault Ste. Marie Office). Contact the offices listed for details.

Hungarian Partridge

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 13	8	16
55-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Nov. 13	8	16
60A, 68, 69A, 70-75, 88, 89	Sept. 25 to Nov. 13	8	16
76	Oct. 16 to Oct. 22	8	16
87, 90	Oct. 20 to Dec. 15	8	16

Northern Bobwhite

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
65	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3	6

Small Mammals

Furbearing Mammals

You may only hunt the furbearing mammals listed on the table below under the authority of your small game licence.

If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your licence to hunt raccoon at night and your Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag attached. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered for the following cartridges: .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. Raccoon night hunters must have their guns encased while in the vehicle. A licensed night raccoon hunter may use a light if it is not shone from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals during the open season and have not disposed of the pelts by the close of the season must obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt in order to possess pelts during the closed season. This licence is available at all MNR offices.

Royalty is payable on all furbearers before the pelts are sent to be tanned or treated, including taxidermied.

Export and Shipping

You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal or its pelt from Ontario. Royalties are payable on all furbearers prior to export from Ontario. The Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export wolf, black bear and several other species from Canada. CITES permits are currently available free of charge from most MNR offices. **See page 81 concerning recent CITES permit changes related to black bear.**

In some countries, importation of wolves is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

Furbearing Mammals which may be taken under the authority of a small game licence		
* Note: Regulation changes affecting wolf and coyote hunting and trapping in the townships surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park and coyote hunting and trapping in townships in the south end of the park are being considered.		
Open Seasons		
Species	Area	Open Season
Coyote*	In any part of Ontario except the townships of Hagarty, Richards and Burns in the County of Renfrew	All year. Note: Small game licences are not valid from June 16 to August 31 in part of Ontario lying north and west of a line from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa River formed by the southerly boundary of the District of Muskoka, and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing
Coyote*	In the townships of Hagarty, Richards and Burns in the County of Renfrew	Oct. 1 to Dec. 14 Apr. 1 to Sept. 30
Wolf	In any part of Ontario except the geographic townships of Chisholm, Boulter, Calvin, Lauder, Papineau, Boyd, Cameron, Clara, Maria, Head, Rolph, Wylie, Petawawa, McKay, Alice, Fraser, Hagarty, Richards, Burns, Dickens, Murchison, Airy, Sabine, Clyde, McClure, Bruton, Herschel, Harcourt, Dudley, Harburn, Eyre, Havelock, Livingstone, McClintock, Franklin, Finlayson, Sinclair, McCraney, Butt, Paxton, and Ballantyne	From October 1 to September 30 of the next year. NOTE: Small game licences are not valid from June 16 to August 31 in part of Ontario lying north and west of a line from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa River formed by the southerly boundary of the District of Muskoka, and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing
Wolf*	In the geographic townships of Chisholm, Boulter, Calvin, Lauder, Papineau, Boyd, Cameron, Clara, Maria, Head, Rolph, Wylie, Petawawa, McKay, Alice, Fraser, Hagarty, Richards, Burns, Dickens, Murchison, Airy, Sabine, McClure, Herschel, Harcourt, Dudley, Harburn, Eyre (portion located outside Algonquin Provincial Park), Havelock, Livingstone, McClintock, Franklin, Finlayson, Sinclair, McCraney, Butt, Paxton, and Ballantyne	Closed Season

Furbearing Mammals *(continued)*

Species	Area	Open Season
Wolf *	In the geographic townships of Clyde, Bruton and the portion of Eyre (McRae addition) located within Algonquin Provincial Park	Closed Season
Raccoon	All of Ontario	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15 of the next year
Red Fox	All of Ontario north of French and Mattawa rivers	Sept. 15 to last day of Feb. of the next year
	Remainder of Ontario	All year
Arctic Fox	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year
Gray Fox	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to last day of Feb. of the next year
Skunk	All of Ontario	All year
Weasel	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to last day of Feb. of the next year
Opossum	All of Ontario	Oct. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year

Rabbit and Hare Seasons

Cottontail Rabbit, European Hare, Varying (Snowshoe) Hare

TOWNSHIP/MUNICIPALITY LICENCES: A township or municipality licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting rabbits in a regulated township (see map). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions.

NON-RESIDENTS NOTE: A non-resident's small game licence is not valid for hunting rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham/Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit
1-50, 53-59	Sept. 1 to June 15 of the next year	1) Cottontail Rabbit: limit of 6 2) European Hare: limit of 6 3) Varying Hare: – for WMUs 1-50 and 53-59 – no limit; – WMUs 60-95 – 6 maximum
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 74, 75	Sept. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
72, 73, 76, 77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
78-80, 87, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 20 to the last day of February of the next year	
88, 89	Oct. 27 to the last day of February of the next year	
93, 94	Oct. 27 to the last day of February of the next year	
95	Jan. 1 to the last day of February	

Squirrel Seasons

Gray (Black), Fox

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
36-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	10	10
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	10	10
60A, 68, 69A, 70-92	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	5	10
93, 94	Oct. 27 to Nov. 7	5	10

Game Amphibians and Reptiles

Frogs and Turtles

You may take snapping turtles, bullfrogs or other frogs that are not specially protected amphibians (see Specially Protected Wildlife in the Glossary on page 94) if you have a valid sport or conservation fishing licence.

No commercial harvest of snapping turtles is permitted. You may only take snapping turtles by box or funnel traps or by your bare hands. You may not remove the upper shell from any snapping turtle until immediately before it is prepared for consumption.

You may take bullfrogs from July 21 to October 15. You may not take more than 10 bullfrogs in one day nor possess more than 10. Bullfrogs may not be taken in the City of Ottawa

(formerly the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton), the counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County) or in the townships in the County of Hastings south of and including the townships of Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel, and Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

No firearm other than a longbow or crossbow may be used to take bullfrogs. Contact an MNR office for further information and see the fishing summary for additional information.

NOTE: It is illegal to harvest bullfrogs or turtles in provincial parks.

Open Season for Snapping Turtles

WMU(s)	Residents	Non-residents	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
2 to 45	All year	All year	2	5
61, 62	All year	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5
46-50, 53-60, 63-95	July 15 to Sept. 15	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5

Reptiles Need Hunters' Help

Have you spotted any reptiles lately? If you have, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) wants to hear from you.

Ontario is home to 30 species of reptiles – a group that includes turtles, snakes and lizards. Two Ontario snakes, the Blue Racer and the Lake Erie Water Snake, are protected in regulation under Ontario's Endangered Species Act.

In addition to these "Endangered" species of snakes, a number of other Ontario reptiles are identified as "Threatened" or are of "Special Concern". The majority of these reptiles are protected under Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA). Please refer to page 94 of this guide to view the list of Specially Protected Reptiles under the Act.

To learn more about, and see pictures of, these reptiles, visit the Royal Ontario Museum/MNR partnership

Web site at www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.html.

To view Ontario's list of species at risk, visit http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/VTEEE_June_4_2003.pdf.

The loss of suitable habitat and animal-vehicle collisions contribute to declines in reptile numbers. Illegal collection of rare species from the wild for use in the pet trade is also a serious problem for some species, such as the Five-lined Skink. Some people who are unfamiliar with snakes kill them unnecessarily.

Anyone can report rare reptile sightings to their local MNR district office or to the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) at (705) 755-2159. For more information about the NHIC, visit www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/nhic.cfm. Please note that MNR is interested in sightings only. No animals should be removed from the wild.

Hunters can report sightings to the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) at (705) 755-2159 or visit the NHIC Web site at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/nhic/nhic.cfm

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Waterfowl Information

Migratory game bird seasons are the responsibility of the Federal Government. In the past, as a service to hunters, we included the migratory game bird seasons in the Ontario Provincial Hunting Regulations Summary.

However, the waterfowl seasons will not be finalized until June 2004 and therefore were not available at press time.

For further information contact:

Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada,
867 Lakeshore Road,
Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A6
(905) 336-6410 or visit
www.on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife

The Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulation summaries will be available at Canada Post Outlets by August 1.

The Migratory Birds Convention Act and the regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days. You must have a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game, to take migratory game birds.

REPORTING OF BANDED BIRDS

A new toll-free telephone number is available to report banded birds. If you retrieve a banded bird, please call **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263) and provide your information. Banding information is very important for the management of migratory birds.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Non-toxic shot must be used for migratory game bird hunting throughout Ontario, except for woodcock.



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The Wetland Habitat Fund receives financial support from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Habitat Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Service – all partners in Ontario's Eastern Habitat Joint Venture – and from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as a contribution to the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. A portion of the funding for landowner projects comes from the sale of Wildlife Habitat Canada's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, a component of the federal migratory game bird hunting permit.

The conservation of southern Ontario's wetlands depends on the goodwill of landowners. The staff and support of the Ontario Wetland Habitat Fund are here to help. Interested landowners can contact the Wetland Habitat Fund Manager by telephone at 613-722-2090, extension 252, or by visiting the Fund's website at

www.wetlandfund.com.



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BOATING TIPS FOR HUNTERS

In spring and fall when water temperatures are low, your chances of survival if you fall overboard are considerably reduced. Remain with your boat and try to pull yourself out of the water.

- Wear your life vest.
- Don't wear open-top rubber boots or waders. You're sure to sink if you fall overboard. Carry a pair of ankle boots to wear in the boat.
- Control your hunting dog. A rowdy retriever can capsize a boat. Keep your dog quiet and under control.
- Don't stand up in a small boat. If you want to change places, or if Mother Nature calls, go ashore.

See regulations regarding "Use of Vehicles or Boats" on page 16.

ANTLERLESS DEER:

Deer that have no antlers or antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) long. Generally, they include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes.

BEAR MANAGEMENT AREA:

An area of Crown land licensed to an operator for providing bear hunting services to non-resident bear hunters.

CONTROLLED HUNT:

Hunts in which the total number of hunters is restricted. A hunter needs a controlled hunt validation tag to participate in a controlled hunt.

CONSERVATION OFFICER:

A Conservation Officer or a Deputy Conservation Officer appointed under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. This term also includes a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a police officer or First Nations Constable appointed under the Police Services Act, a game officer designated under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, a park warden designated under the National Parks Act if acting under the direction of a Conservation Officer, and a person whose primary employment responsibility is enforcement of fish and wildlife laws in a border jurisdiction if he or she is acting under the direction of a Conservation Officer.

ENCASED:

A firearm is encased if the firearm is completely contained in a case so that it cannot be loaded or unloaded.

EXPORT PERMIT:

The permit required to take a moose, white-tailed deer, black bear or furbearer, or any part of them, out of Ontario.

GAME WILDLIFE:

Game wildlife means a furbearing mammal, game amphibian, game bird, game mammal or game reptile.

FURBEARING MAMMALS:

Badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, arctic fox, gray fox, red fox (all phases), lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, red squirrel, striped skunk, weasel (least, long-tailed and short-tailed), wolf, wolverine and polar bear.

GAME MAMMALS:

Black bear, woodland caribou, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed deer, American elk, European hare, varying hare, moose, gray (black) squirrel and fox squirrel.

GAME BIRDS:

Northern bobwhite, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ring-necked pheasant, rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan and wild turkey.

GAME REPTILES: Common snapping turtle.

GAME AMPHIBIANS: Bullfrogs.

HUNTING:

Includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act states otherwise.

LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS:

OUTDOORS CARD:

An Outdoors Card constitutes a licence to hunt the animals and birds specified on the licence tag when that tag is affixed to the card and accompanied by any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

LICENCE TAG:

Means a tag which, when affixed to an Outdoors Card, constitutes a licence to hunt animals or birds, or a class thereof, specified on the tag.

GAME SEAL:

The seal that must be attached to a moose, deer, wild turkey or black bear as soon as the animal is killed. The seal must remain attached to the animal while it is transported.

VALIDATION TAG OR CERTIFICATE:

Means a tag or certificate which validates a licence to hunt game animals of a specified number, age or sex or in a specified area.

VALIDATION TAG (RESIDENTS)

A validation tag must be affixed to the front of the game seal to allow resident hunters to hunt adult moose or antlerless deer. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, a specific calf validation tag is required to hunt calf moose. A validation tag is also required to take part in the controlled hunts for deer. A validation tag for a controlled hunt must be carried on your person and not affixed to the game seal.

Moose and deer licences obtained by telephone are validated by the ministry on the game seal itself. They are valid for calf moose or antlered deer in other WMUs except for calf moose in WMU 48, 55A, 55B and 57, during the regular open season providing the game seal has not been used.

VALIDATION TAG (NON-RESIDENTS)

A moose validation tag must be affixed to the back of the non-resident hunter's licence.

VALIDATION CERTIFICATE A validation certificate must be carried by non-resident black bear hunters.

MOTORBOAT

Motorboat means a boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion, and includes any floating object being towed by a motorboat.

MUZZLE-LOADER:

A muzzle-loader is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle.

A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

NON-RESIDENT:

A person who does not qualify as a resident (see Resident). The ownership of property in Ontario does not qualify a person for a resident's licence.

PARTY HUNTING:

The term "Party Hunting" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose, deer or black bear under all of the following conditions:

- * Each person has a valid licence to hunt moose, deer or black bear.
- * The total number of moose, deer or black bear killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt that species.
- * The total number of moose, deer or black bear of a specified sex, age or type killed by the party does not exceed the total number of seals validated for that sex, age or type that are held by members of the party.
- * All members of the party hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof for which the seal is valid.
- * Each member of the party hunts within 5 kilometers of the person who holds the seal that is valid for the wildlife being hunted.
- * Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.

The person who kills the wildlife while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party the wildlife has been killed and the seal holder shall immediately affix the seal to the wildlife in the manner prescribed on the seal.

RESIDENT:

A person whose primary residence is Ontario, and who has resided in Ontario for a period of at least six consecutive months during the previous 12 months before the time that the person's residence is relevant.

SAME-SEX PARTNER:

Means either of two persons of the same sex who live together in a conjugal relationship outside marriage.

SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM:

The system that controls the harvest of breeding moose and deer. The harvest of adult moose and antlerless deer is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw. The harvest of calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw.

SIBLING:

Each of two or more children having one or both parents in common.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED WILDLIFE:

Specially protected wildlife means a specially protected amphibian, specially protected bird, specially protected invertebrate, specially protected mammal or specially protected reptile.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED MAMMALS:

Big brown bat, eastern pipistrelle bat, hoary bat, least bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat, red bat, silver-haired bat, eastern chipmunk, least chipmunk, northern flying squirrel, southern flying squirrel, arctic shrew, cinereus (masked) shrew, least shrew, northern short-tailed shrew, pygmy shrew, smoky shrew and water shrew.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (Raptors):

Bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, Cooper's hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, American swallow-tailed kite, merlin, osprey, barred owl, boreal owl, burrowing owl, barn owl, eastern screech owl, great gray owl, great horned owl, long-eared owl, northern hawk owl, northern saw-whet owl, short-eared owl, snowy owl and turkey vulture.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (other than Raptors):

Brewer's blackbird, rusty blackbird, yellow-headed blackbird, blue jay, gray jay, belted kingfisher, white pelican and common raven.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED REPTILES:

Blue racer, eastern massasauga rattlesnake, five-lined skink, black rat snake, Butler's garter snake, eastern fox snake, eastern hognose snake, eastern smooth green snake, Lake Erie water snake, milk snake, northern water snake, queen snake, eastern spiny softshell turtle, Blanding's turtle, map turtle, midland painted turtle, musk turtle, spotted turtle, western painted turtle and wood turtle.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AMPHIBIANS:

Blanchard's cricket frog, blue-spotted salamander, eastern tiger salamander, four-toed salamander, Jefferson salamander, northern dusky salamander, redback salamander, smallmouth salamander, spotted salamander, two-lined salamander, Fowler's toad and gray treefrog.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED INVERTEBRATES:

Karner blue butterfly, monarch butterfly, West Virginia white butterfly, mottled dusky wing, bog elfin, frosted elfin, black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, Old World swallowtail, pipevine swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, tiger swallowtail and zebra swallowtail.

VEHICLE

Vehicle means any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes the rolling stock of a railway.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS (WMUs):

Numbered divisions of the province used for wildlife management. WMU numbers are used in the tables for open seasons to indicate the relevant geographic areas of the province. Contact an MNR office for exact descriptions of WMU boundaries.

Ministry of Natural Resources Offices

If you are not sure whether you can hunt at a certain time and place, or if you have any questions about the regulations, contact:

- the MNR office nearest to where you plan to hunt,
- the Natural Resources Information Centre
General Inquiry 1-800-667-1940
French Inquiry 1-800-667-1840

OR

- MNR by e-mail at: mnr.nric@mnr.gov.on.ca

The following list of MNR offices includes Wildlife Management Units (WMU) which fall into their jurisdiction.

NOTE: more than one MNR office may have administrative responsibilities for a WMU.

Southern Region

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
(WMUs 72B, 73 [Durham Region only], 78, 79C, 79D)

50 Bloomington Road W., L4G 3G8
(905) 713-7400 Fax: (905) 713-7359

Aylmer (WMUs 90A, 90B, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95)

353 Talbot Street W., N5H 2S8
(519) 773-9241 Fax: (519) 773-9014

Chatham

870 Richmond Street W., Box 1168
N7M 5J5
(519) 354-7340 Fax: (519) 354-0313

Bancroft (WMUs 51, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 60A, 61, 62, 63)

106 Monck Street, Box 500, Hwy 28 K0L 1C0
(613) 332-3940 Fax: (613) 332-0608

Minden

Box 820, Hwy. 35 By-pass K0M 2K0
(705) 286-1521 Fax: (705) 286-4355

Guelph (WMUs 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89)

1 Stone Road W., Stone Rd. Complex,
corner of Stone Rd. W. and Gordon St. N1G 4Y2
(519) 826-4955 Fax: (519) 826-4929

Clinton

100 Don Street, Box 819 N0M 1L0
(519) 482-3428 Fax: (519) 482-5031

Vineland

4890 Victoria Avenue N., P.O. Box 5000
Vineland Station L0R 2E0
(905) 562-4147 Fax: (905) 562-1154

Kemptville (WMUs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69B)

Postal Bag 2002, Concession Road K0G 1J0
(613) 258-8204 Fax: (613) 258-3920

Midhurst (WMUs 76, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84)

2284 Nursery Road L0L 1X0
(705) 725-7500 Fax: (705) 725-7584

Owen Sound

1450 Seventh Avenue E. N4K 2Z1
(519) 376-3860 Fax: (519) 372-3305

Parry Sound (WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53)

7 Bay Street P2A 1S4
(705) 746-4201 Fax: (705) 746-8828

Bracebridge

R.R. 2, Hwy. 11, 1350 High Falls Road
P1L 1W9
(705) 645-8747 Fax: (705) 645-8372

Pembroke (WMUs 48, 55B, 58, 59)

31 Riverside Drive K8A 8R6
(613) 732-3661 Fax: (613) 732-2972

Peterborough (WMUs 62, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 72A, 73, 74, 75)

300 Water Street, P.O. Box 7000 K9J 8M5
(705) 755-2001 Fax: (705) 755-3125

Kingston

Ontario Government Building, Beechgrove
Complex,
51 Heakes Lane K7M 9B1
(613) 531-5700 Fax: (613) 531-5730

Tweed

126 Old Troy Road K0K 3J0
(613) 478-2330 Fax: (613) 478-1389

Northwest Region

Dryden (WMUs 5, 8, 15A)

479 Government Street (Hwy. 17),
Box 730 P8N 2Z4
(807) 223-3341 Fax: (807) 223-2824

Ignace (Corner of Hwy. 17 & 599)

Box 448 P0T 1T0
(807) 934-2233 Fax: (807) 934-2304

Fort Frances

(WMUs 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 12A, 12B)
922 Scott Street P9A 1J4
(807) 274-5337 Fax: (807) 274-4438

Atikokan

108 Saturn Avenue P0T 1C0
(807) 597-6971
Fax: (807) 597-6185

Kenora

(WMUs 6, 7A, 7B)
808 Robertson Street,
Box 5080 P9N 3X9
(807) 468-2501
Fax: (807) 468-2736

Nipigon

(WMUs 14, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 20, 21A)
5 Wadsworth Dr., Box 970 P0T 2J0
(807) 887-5000 Fax: (807) 887-2993

Geraldton

208 Beamish Avenue W., Box 640
P0T 1M0
(807) 854-1030 Fax: (807) 854-0335

Terrace Bay

Hwy. 17, Box 280 P0T 2W0
(807) 825-3205 Fax: (807) 825-3400

Red Lake (WMUs 2, 3)

227 Howey Street, Box 5003 P0V 2M0
(807) 727-2253 Fax: (807) 727-2861

Sioux Lookout

(WMUs 1C, 4, 16A, 16B)
49 Prince Street, Box 309 P8T 1A6
(807) 737-1140 Fax: (807) 737-1813

Thunder Bay

(WMUs 11B, 13, 15A, 15B, 16C)
435 James Street S., Suite B001
P7E 6S8
(807) 475-1471 Fax: (807) 475-1527

Northeast Region

Chapleau (WMU 31)

190 Cherry Street
P0M 1K0
(705) 864-1710 Fax: (705) 864-0681

Cochrane

(WMUs 1A, 1B, 1D, 25, 26, 27)
2 Third Avenue, Box 730 P0L 1C0
(705) 272-4365 Fax: (705) 272-7183

Moosonee

34 Revillion Road N.,
Box 190 P0L 1Y0
(705) 336-2987 Fax: (705) 336-2983

Hearst (WMUs 22, 23, 24)

613 Front Street, Box 670 P0L 1N0
(705) 362-4346 Fax: (705) 372-2245

Kapuskasing

R.R. 2, Hwy 11 W., Box 2, P5N 2X8
(705) 335-6191 Fax: (705) 337-9345

Kirkland Lake (WMU 28)

10 Government Road E., Box 910
P2N 3K4
(705) 568-3222 Fax: (705) 568-3200

North Bay (WMUs 40, 41, 47)

3301 Trout Lake Road P1A 4L7
(705) 475-5550 Fax: (705) 475-5500

Sault Ste. Marie

(WMUs 35, 36, 37, 45)
64 Church Street P6A 3H3
(705) 949-1231
Fax: (705) 949-6450

Blind River

62 Queen Ave., Box 190 P0R 1B0
(705) 356-2234 Fax: (705) 356-7441

Sudbury

(WMUs 38, 39, 42, 43A, 43B, 44)
3767 Hwy. 69 South, Suite 5
P3G 1E7
(705) 564-7823 Fax: (705) 564-7879

Espanola

148 Fleming Street P5E 1R8
(705) 869-1330 Fax: (705) 869-4620

Timmins (WMUs 29, 30)

Ontario Government Complex,
Hwy 101 East (at Florence), P.O. Bag
3090, South Porcupine P0N 1H0
(705) 235-1300 Fax: (705) 235-1377

Gogama

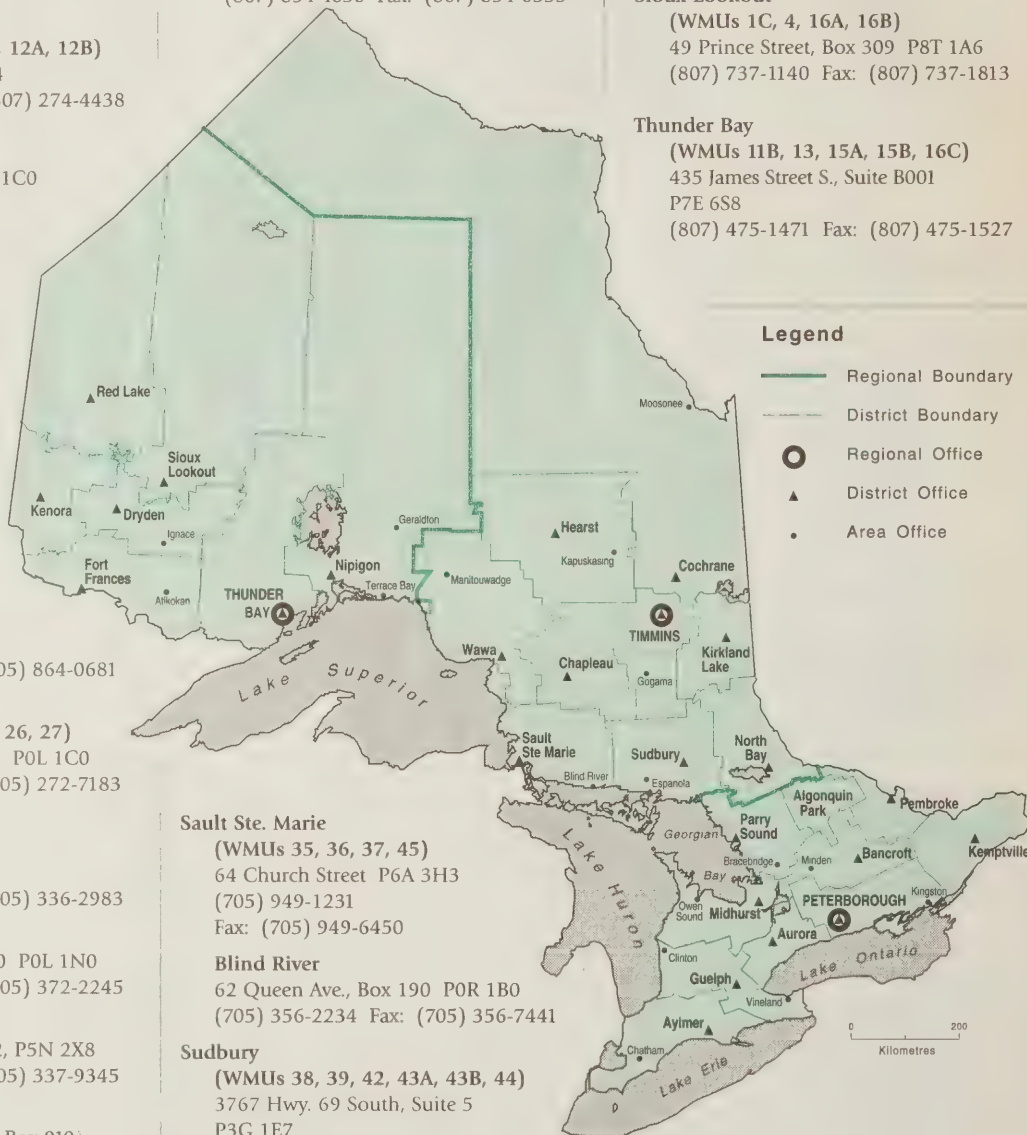
5 Low Ave., Box 129 P0M 1W0
(705) 894-2000 Fax: (705) 894-2040

Wawa (WMUs 21B, 32, 33, 34)

160 Mission Rd., Box 1160 P0S 1K0
(705) 856-2396 Fax: (705) 856-7511

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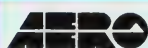
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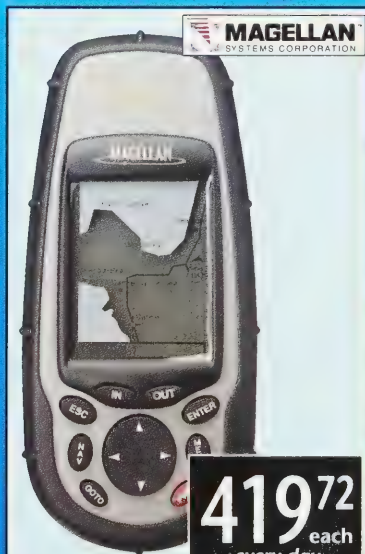
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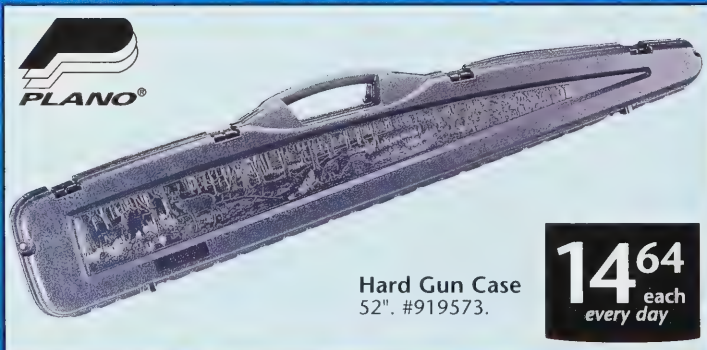


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